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Soviet contacts

THERE was only the mildest of disappointment last night when it was learned that the contact reported earlier in the day to have been made by a Chinese representative with an Israeli in Paris had not been aimed at paving the way for any official relationship, or even regular contacts of any kind.

Much the same applies to the very conspicuous contacts with Israel recently arranged by the Soviet Union in various places, the most curious of which was the visit of Mr. Louis whose business appears to be to handle outside contacts on behalf of the Soviet Union that can be later totally disavowed by the Russians if it suits them.

We were not told what ideas or proposals he wished to peddle to Mrs. Meir. Perhaps there was some proposal for improved relations: there is ample room for manoeuvre in that field, ranging from systematically anti-Israel action at the U.N., via military operations in Egypt, to anti-Jewish attitudes in Russia itself. Mr. Louis is far less likely to have delivered threats, for these are customarily thundered out by the Kremlin's mouth-pieces in Moscow itself.

There have been repeated contacts, and no particular attempt has been made to keep them secret. The Chinese Embassy in Paris has denied the contacts. But as they were desired in the first place they will no doubt be renewed. In fact, the talkative Mr. Louis may have been sent here because previous contacts had not received the planned publicity. Failing a sudden and improbable change of heart on the part of Soviet policy-makers, one must suppose that contacts having the appearance of improved relations with Israel serve a Soviet purpose, the most likely of which is the need to become acceptable as an equal partner with the U.S. in Israel-Egypt negotiations. Up to now, Russian participation in these talks has been wholly rejected by Israel on the grounds that the Soviet Union is hostile.

Mrs. Meir seems to have made it clear that we will not fall over ourselves for mere "contact" with the Russians, as though contact between nations were some special privilege. Egypt has become a most important base for Russia, and it is hardly likely that the desire for "improved relations" would lead the Russians to any tangible softening of their position on that front. The only area in which they are in effect free to act is that of the relationship to the Jewish population of Russia. It could be argued that the sentences in the later show trials were less ferocious than in the first trial, which originally imposed a death sentence. If more Jews were able to get out of Russia in the early months of this year than previously, there is evidence that this was a Soviet attempt to head off the growing Zionist ferment there, and to encourage its leadership to go in the hope that the movement to emigrate would die down. If there is to be any demonstration of Soviet goodwill towards Jews, it could be demonstrated by increasing the numbers of permits given to leave. Reports from Russia that permits have been arbitrarily cut again certainly will not further relations.

Belgian F.M. here for 3-day visit

LOD AIRPORT. — Belgian Foreign Minister Pierre Harmel arrived here last night by TWA for a three-day official visit, expressing the hope that his talks in Jerusalem would improve the already cordial relations between his country and Israel and also further the cause of peace in this region.

Mr. Harmel, who was accompanied by his wife, was met by Foreign Minister Abba Eban, members of the Diplomatic Corps and senior Foreign Ministry officials.

TRUE AMITY

Speaking at a reception held at the airport, Mr. Harmel stressed his country's "true friendship" with Israel. He expressed the hope that his talks here would be "frank and useful."

Asked by reporters whether his recent visit to several Arab countries led him to believe that there were new chances for peace, the Minister replied: "I am sure that a solution can be found through Dr. Jarring's mission. But I shall be able to answer this question in greater detail after I have talked with Mr. Eban."

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Mr. Harmel refused to comment on Jordan's attempt to bring the Jerusalem issue to the Security Council, saying that he preferred to wait until he had completed his talks here.

Shortly before Mr. Harmel's arrival here, his working schedule was augmented by another session with Foreign Minister Abba Eban, at the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem this morning. Originally, the visiting Minister was supposed to have his first meeting in the Capital with Prime Minister Golda Meir this afternoon. The two working sessions with Mr. Eban tomorrow are due to be held at the Knesset building, in the chamber of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee. The first will be devoted to political issues, the second, in which representatives of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry will take part, to economic matters. On Thursday, Mr. Harmel will make a seven-hour-long tour of Galilee. That day, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Joseph Sisco is expected to arrive for talks with Israeli leaders.

MR. HARMEL

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Sudanese coup head executed

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter and Agencies

Colonel Babakr e-Nour Othman, leader of last Monday's abortive coup in the Sudan, and his right-hand man, Major Farouk Hamadallah, were executed by a firing squad yesterday in Khartoum.

Both men were sent home over the week-end by Libya which detained them while on their way to Khartoum from London.

Three other men were executed yesterday, bringing to 12 the number known to have been killed since Numeiri's counter-coup on Thursday. Omdurman radio said that two army officers were executed by a firing squad, while a civilian, the Secretary-General of the Sudanese trade union, was hanged.

Yesterday's executions were carried out as Numeiri's government intensified its manhunt for the country's Communist leaders, accused of masterminding the short-lived coup.

While urging the population to assist the government in arresting the Communists, the Sudanese state radio said that all army leave had been cancelled and that all military personnel were recalled to their bases. The measure was announced following the arrest yesterday of Communist Party Secretary-General Abdul-Khalek Mahjoub, who was said to have been the brain behind the coup. Mahjoub was earlier last February arrested by Numeiri but escaped from prison last month. A Sudanese government spokesman said that Mahjoub's trial was due to open today and that it would be open to the press. All previous military trials were held behind closed doors.

Yesterday military courts were reported trying Dr. Mustafa Khogali, the proposed Prime Minister of the short-lived government; a medical doctor, Joseph Garang, a former Minister of Southern Affairs who publicly supported the new government; and Hamid al-Ansari, a Sudanese business manager and alleged financial supporter of the Sudanese Communist party.

There were no reports of firing yesterday morning. Shoe-shine boys reappeared on the streets and life slowly returned to normal.

The Minister of Interior, Maj. Abdul-Kassem Mohammed Ibrahim,

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Costliest moon mission off to fine start

CAPE KENNEDY, Florida.—America's Apollo-15 explorers rocketed out of earth orbit yesterday and streaked toward the moon in mankind's longest, costliest and most scientific lunar exploration. In their 12-day expedition, they are to conduct man's first driving expedition on the surface, a quest among towering mountains and alongside a deep canyon.

Col. David Scott (the Commander), Lt.-Col. James Irwin and Maj. Alfred Worden, all Air Force officers, broke away from the embrace of earth's gravity at 6.30 p.m. Israel time as a rocket blast shot them out of orbit and sent them winging toward their distant target and one of history's greatest scientific explorations. Scott, 39, is a veteran of two space flights.

For nearly three hours, the astronauts had circled the globe in the command ship Endeavor, checking the craft's hundreds of systems before commiting themselves to the three-day outward voyage. Then they re-ignited the third stage of their Saturn-5 rocket and their speed accelerated from about 17,400 to about 24,300 miles per hour.

The Saturn-5 propelled them away from their home planet right on time at 3.34 p.m. Israel time as an estimated one million persons watched in the Cape Kennedy area.

After blasting clear of earth orbit, the Apollo-15 command craft Endeavor separated from the third stage of its rocket, turned and docked successfully with the spidery moon-lander Falcon nesting atop the module.

No problems arose this time with the docking manoeuvre, in which the command ship backed away from the third stage, turned around and docked with the lunar landing ship which will ferry Scott and Irwin to the surface.

The Apollo-14 last January 31 took six attempts before the two ships latched together. Dirt in the mechanism was blamed. Yesterday, command shop pilot Worden "captured" the lunar lander, Falcon, at the first attempt, and seconds later, he reported they were "hard docked."

First technical hitch after the smooth countdown and blast-off came when mission control reported automatic signals from the spacecraft and readings taken on board by the crew indicated a valve in the service propulsion system — main engine of the mooncraft — was "in an unusual position." Control said there was no danger of spontaneous fuel combustion and engineers on the ground here began working on ways of correcting the apparent abnormality.

Launch Director Walter Kapryan said the countdown leading to man's fifth attempted moonflight — one of

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Spectators watch Saturn-V rocket blast off the pad at Cape Kennedy yesterday, with three astronauts on board on their way to the moon. (AP radiophoto)

MAPAM ENVOY CONFIRMS HE SAW CHINESE IN PARIS

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — The Chinese Embassy yesterday formally denied Israeli press and radio reports that there had been contacts in Paris between Chinese diplomats and a Mapam emissary. The Embassy said, "The news was completely invented for reasons you can imagine."

But Mr. Eli Ben-Gal, a journalist and Paris representative of Mapam, said last night he had been having unofficial meetings for three years with diplomats from the Chinese Embassy in Paris.

The most recent contact was a few days ago at the invitation of the Chinese. He said he had reported the meeting to "certain Israeli personalities."

Mr. Ben-Gal was furious at the press leaks appearing in "Ma'ariv" (which broke the story yesterday) as he said he had been having the contacts on "a personal basis as a leftist and journalist." He emphasized: "I did not in any way represent the Israel Government."

PEKING-JERUSALEM

Asked about a possible rapprochement between Peking and Jerusalem, Mr. Ben-Gal said that it was important to distinguish between the views of the Chinese Government and those of the Chinese Communist Party. He said he was not surprised at the Chinese Embassy denial.

Mr. Ben-Gal represents Mapam and also the English-language magazine "New Outlook."

Mr. Ben-Gal also confirmed to Reuter and the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he has held talks with Communist Chinese diplomats in the French capital, and he made it clear that he hoped Israel and China would establish diplomatic relations in due course. (Mr. Ben-Gal last night also confirmed to Israel Radio that he had held the talks, as did Mapam headquarters in Tel Aviv.)

It was reported that diplomatic relations between Jerusalem and Peking were not discussed although their talks covered all Middle East problems.

"Israel is the only country in the area which is really independent of the great powers and which can carry out a policy that checks the way to a Russo-American protectorate," Mr. Ben-Gal told Reuter. "China shares this view," he said. "Such a policy is in the interest of the Chinese People's Republic."

CHINESE ERROR

Mr. Ben-Gal said that in his contacts with the Chinese, he pointed out that it was a mistake for the Chinese Communist Party to consider Zionism as a reactionary movement. "It is a movement of national liberation of the Jewish people," he said. "That is not incompatible with Arab nationalists movements."

Mr. Ben-Gal told Reuter that he was not unduly concerned over the Chinese Embassy denial. He added: "In fact, I was at the Embassy when they issued it."

The JTA said it had learned from a phone conversation with the Foreign Ministry in Peking that China's basic Middle East position had not changed since Premier Chou En-lai made his statement on the Middle East, three years ago. (At the time, he stated that only a "military and revolutionary solution to the Palestinian problem" was possible.)

None the less, JTA added, the very readiness of the Chinese diplomats to talk to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency showed there was some change in their tactics.

The spokesman of the Chinese Embassy in Paris, Mr. Tsai Kwei-seng, told JTA last night that "no member of the Embassy had met Mr. Ben-Gal." Asked whether Mr. Ben-Gal might have met the Chinese diplomats outside the Embassy's premises, Mr. Tsai replied. "This information is pure fabrication and a provocation. I continue to affirm that there were no talks, neither at the Embassy nor outside it, in fact, in no possible way whatever."

(Reuter, INA)

RUMANIAN ROLE

Our Diplomatic Correspondent adds:

Informed sources said the possibility of diplomatic relations between Israel and Communist China came up for discussion at the meeting between Rumanian Deputy Foreign Minister George Macovescu and Prime Minister Golda Meir in Jerusalem this month. Mr. Macovescu, who had been to Peking a while earlier, was reported to have voiced the opinion to Mrs. Meir that the "winds of change" blowing through Communist China made it receptive to the idea of formal ties not only with the U.S. but also with Israel.

Mrs. Meir's response is reported to have been that Israel would be happy to have normal relations with the People's Republic of China.

There was no truth, however, to the London "Observer" story on Sunday that the Chinese had made an actual "overture" to Israel through Mr. Macovescu, and that it had been "warmly welcomed" by Israel.

Israel recognized the People's Republic of China on January 1, 1950, but approaches for diplomatic relations made to Peking during the next few months, mainly through the Israel legation in Moscow, were ignored until the outbreak of the Korean war in May 1950. That event ended Israel's interest in ties with the Communist Chinese. In 1955, with the Korean war ended, Israel broached the subject again through its Ambassador in Rangoon, David Hacohen, who travelled to Peking and was well received there by Prime Minister Chou En-lai. By then, however, Peking had made up its mind to back Nasser's "progressive" regime in Egypt to the hilt, and nothing came out of the new Israeli initiative. For the past several years, Chinese publications have usually referred to Israel as a "so-called" State.

3 Soviet Jews arrested while meeting reporters

MOSCOW (AP). — Three Soviet Jews were picked up by police yesterday while meeting with foreign correspondents on the streets of Moscow.

In the first case a Jew was sitting with two British journalists on a bench on a mid-city boulevard when two plainclothes men approached, took him by the wrist and ordered him to come with them. When the journalists asked why the man was being arrested, one of the plainclothes men, who refused to identify themselves, said, "Do not involve yourselves in these things."

Later, two Jews were stopped by plainclothes men as they were about to get into the car of an American correspondent at Mayakovsky Square. They were arrested by two men who jumped out of a car that had been following the correspondent.

The two incidents brought to five the number of times that Jews have been stopped by Soviet agents from meeting correspondents in the past week.

Hussein sees Sadat's envoy

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

King Hussein of Jordan conferred yesterday morning with a personal envoy of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in Jedda, where the Jordanian monarch is on an official visit for talks with Saudi Arabian King Faisal.

Hussein's meeting with the Egyptian envoy, Dr. Hassan Sabry el-Khouly, follows Sadat's fierce attack on Hussein last Friday. The Egyptian President accused Hussein of having deliberately "liquidated" the terrorist movement in Jordan.

No details about the meeting were disclosed. Later in the day Hussein met with Faisal who is believed to be seeking to draft a new formula to regulate Jordan's relations with the battered terrorist establishment.

The Jordanian monarch is expected to return to Amman today amid indications that his government was outwardly unconcerned about the uproar over Jordan's crackdown on the terrorists and its insistence that they acknowledge state sovereignty and authority.

Sadat promises new moves by year's end

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

President Anwar Sadat of Egypt said last night that his country must make "political and military" moves within the next five months to break the deadlock in the Middle East before the end of this year.

He was speaking at the closing session of the 1,700-man National Congress of the country's sole political party, the Arab Socialist Union, which has been reorganized in the aftermath of last May's massive purges in Egypt.

Sadat said that the Middle East crisis should be "moved out of the current freeze," but he warned he was not promising "a complete victory." The President urged the Congress to grant him powers to face the situation "to bear the responsibility based on the principle of no concession over one inch of Arab land or one right of the Palestine people."

TWO DIE AS WATER RESERVOIR COLLAPSES

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — Two Solel Boneh workers were killed just before noon yesterday near Kibbutz Manarah, on the Lebanese border, when part of the water reservoir they were building collapsed under them. They were Jacques Gabbai, 39, of Acre, and Israel Geller, 50, of Haifa.

Their foreman, Ya'acov Leibovitz, 42, also of Haifa, was slightly injured.

The men were killed when a central post supporting the roof of the reservoir gave way, throwing them into the water.

The men were employed by Mekorot to put the roof on a water pool 16 metres in diameter and eight metres in height. An eight-metre-high post in the centre formed one point of support for the roof slabs, weighing over three tons each. The circular outer wall was the second.

Solel Boneh was a subcontractor on the job. With the help of a crane and guided by the foreman, the two men had laid 12 slabs. When they added the 13th, the central post collapsed into the reservoir, taking three slabs and the two men standing on them into the water.

The police and members of Kibbutz Manarah tried to raise the men from the bottom of the reservoir. When this proved difficult, they called in an army helicopter.

Meanwhile, an Army doctor passing by climbed in to give the men first aid, but he found them to be lifeless.

The bodies were recovered with much difficulty before the helicopter arrived.

Police and Labour Ministry engineers are investigating whether the structure was built to specifications.

New clash over Japan's airport

NARITA, Japan (AP). — A total of 120 persons, most of them not policemen, were injured yesterday when police clashed with leftist students and farmers opposed to the construction of Tokyo's new international airport at Narita, 80 kms. east of Tokyo.

Five construction site huts were destroyed by fire bombs hurled by the students, who say they are opposed to the airport because it would serve U.S. and Japanese military aircraft. Police arrested 150 students and farmers, including 15 women.

An estimated 1,100 students converged on the construction site to reinforce a handful of farmers who have tried to hold onto pockets of land which they have farmed. A court decision expropriating the land for the airport went into effect yesterday.

Barkatt leaving for Liberia

Knesset Speaker Reuven Barkatt leaves for Monrovia today to represent Israel at the funeral of President William Tubman of Liberia. Mr. Barkatt is representing President Zalman Shazar, who is convalescing from a recent illness.

President Tubman will be buried at his Congotown residence on Thursday at 10 a.m., according to an official announcement in Monrovia. The body will first lie in state for two nights in the parlours of the executive mansion.

On Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Tubman will receive the heads of state attending the funeral.

Liberia's new President, Mr. William Tolbert, is known here as one of Israel's staunchest friends in Africa. He visited the country, as Vice-President, in 1964. Last month Mr. Tolbert was host to Foreign Minister Abba Eban, during the latter's tour of West Africa, at his home in Monrovia.

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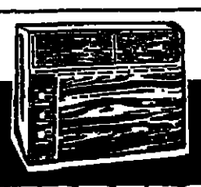

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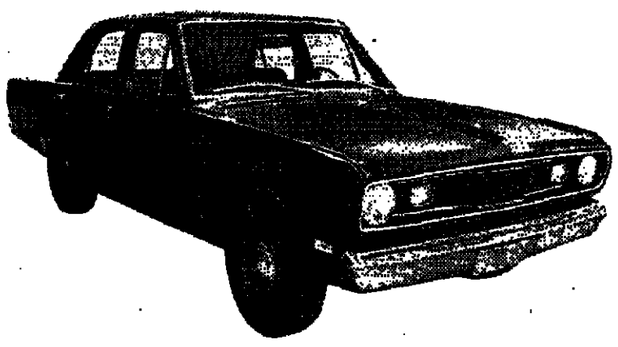

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Social and Personal

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Pinhas Sapir, was yesterday guest at a luncheon given by the Brooklyn Israel Bonds delegation at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem.

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Dr. Jacobo Bentata of Caracas will speak (in English) on "Latin American Problems" before the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club, ZOA House, Thursday, at 1.15 p.m.

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At the Rubin Academy summer course today: 9.30 a.m., Prof. Starer — 20th-century piano music; 4.00 p.m. Prof. Frances Larimer — group piano; 4.00 p.m., Jennie Tourel — master classes (voice); 8.30 p.m., Ralph Kirkpatrick — harpsichord lecture with demonstrations.

Norway to be oil exporter

WASHINGTON (AP). — "Norway will be an oil exporter," says "U.S. News and World Report." And Britain will meet half its oil needs from wells in coastal waters, the American magazine says.

In a report from London and Oslo in its August 2 issue, released yesterday, the magazine says:

"Western Europe got another shot of optimism in late July with the sailing of a big tanker for Stavanger, Norway. Its cargo? The first oil commercially produced from wells drilled deep in the North Sea off Norway.

"North Sea production, our man in London says, means Western Europe's dependence on the Middle East for oil will begin easing off. Experts paint a dazzling picture of what 1975 will look like; Britain will meet half its oil needs from wells in coastal waters. Norway will be an oil exporter. Other nations of the continent will be using North Sea oil to some extent.

"Accounting for this surge of optimism: the discovery that North Sea oil fields are far more extensive than previously thought. Unofficial estimates from British experts put oil potential here at up to three million barrels a day. That's three times the official estimates made just a year ago.

"Problems are not over by a long shot. Oil from the North Sea will be costly to produce. And the bulk of Europe's oil needs — 628 million tons in 1970 — still will come from the Middle East. But the North Sea strike already is having an effect. Some West Europeans say that Arabs may no longer be in the driver's seat when it comes to the next round of oil-price negotiations."

Bonn denies Israel asked for arms

BONN (AP). — The West German Government said yesterday the report that Israel has asked Bonn for tanks and other weapons was "pure invention." The statement was made by Foreign Ministry spokesman Guido Brunner, in a comment on a report by the Egyptian weekly magazine "Rose el-Youssef."

The magazine said Israeli officials made the demand for arms in order to drop their objections to Bonn's re-establishing of diplomatic ties with the Arab countries.

5,500 WOMEN from Arab villages in Western Galilee are ready and willing to go out to work in factories which may be established in the area. The figure was contained in a Ministry of Commerce survey of 140 Arab villages with 140,000 inhabitants.

Terrorists 'not yet eliminated from Jordan'

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — While King Hussein cracked down on the terrorists and disrupted their organization completely last week, he did not eliminate them from his territory, observers of the Arab scene here believe.

Of the estimated 3,000 terrorists in the Jarash-Ajlun-Karame triangle, about 200 are thought to have died in the clashes, and over 600 are thought wounded. Nearly 100 crossed into Israel. The Jordan Army rounded up over 1,000. Some of the remnants will probably get the right to cross into Syria — which so far has refused to admit the refugees. It is believed that some 500 will remain in Jordan in camps well-controlled by the King, possibly in the a-Salt area.

Though the frontier areas were notably free of sabotage activity last week — there was only one incident, the blasting of an electric pylon near Grofit — the possibility of terrorism in the future is not ruled out. There are terrorists in "Fatahland" near the Syrian border, and the Lebanese authorities may not always be willing or able to stop the terrorists from crossing into Israel.

A check of the terrorists who crossed into Israel revealed that only 2.5 per cent were officers. 77 per cent were Fatah members and 20 per cent belonged to a-Sa'eka and other smaller groups. Practically all were Palestinian-born. About half were 20 to 23 years of age, a third were below 20, and a few were over 30. Half of them had served in their organizations between a year and two years.

Lt.-Col. Babakr e-Nour Osman, a leader of the abortive Sudan coup, hands placed over his head, seen with Defence Minister Khalid Abbas, left, at the presidential palace in Khartoum on Sunday. (AP radiophoto)

Sudan executions

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nevertheless ordered a night curfew on Khartoum yesterday for the fifth day running. The Sudanese Government appears to fear an uprising by the Communist-oriented trade unions which marched last week with red banners in support of the regime of e-Nour.

Political sources reported that the Sudanese air force and some army units had placed their Soviet advisers under "protective custody" to prevent their helping the rebels.

They said the advisers were believed to have been released later but that there remained a feeling within the army that the Soviets were involved with the plotters, who took control of the country for 72 hours last week.

The Soviet Union, which ranks as the Sudan's chief aid supplier, and other Eastern Bloc countries have about 1,800 military and technical advisers in this country.

Prior to the initial coup, diplomatic sources said Numeiri had requested withdrawal of Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Nikolaev because of alleged interference in Sudanese internal affairs by the advisers. Mr. Nikolaev was the only foreign envoy to meet the plotters while they held power. His embassy also was the scene of heavy activity and witnesses said they saw members of the coup saluting Soviet officials.

Following the counter-coup Thursday, these sources said, the Soviet Embassy's flag was not raised for two days. This had no diplomatic significance, but it caused speculation about a serious deterioration in relations between the Soviets and the Sudanese, they said.

Reports circulated within the diplomatic community yesterday that Communist chief Mahjoub, who will be tried today, was given sanctuary in the Bulgarian Embassy after he escaped from prison. In a news conference, Numeiri said he had no evidence of this, but that "when we discover something and we can prove it, we will make it known publicly."

Political sources said Numeiri's forces captured Mahjoub early yesterday after a manhunt in Khartoum. A dragnet was still under way for four other top Communist leaders, they said.

18 die in Indian jail break

NEW DELHI (UPI). — The death toll rose yesterday among the 100-odd Naxalite Communists who tried to blast their way to freedom Sunday from the Nazaribagh Town central jail in Bihar state.

The Press Trust of India said at least 18 persons have died as a result of firing by wardens in the jail, about 335 kms. northwest of Calcutta.

Two Naxalites died on the spot and 16 of the wounded died later in the prison hospital. PTI said the condition of four more prisoners was critical.

PTI quoted prison authorities as saying three prison officials were hurt.

Police said the Naxalites rushed the main gate and tried to smash the lock. When the guards ordered them to return to their cells, the prisoners started tossing bombs and the guards opened fire. At least 15 bombs were hurled, PTI said. None of the prisoners escaped.

Nazi criminal asks to marry

GAETA, Italy (Reuter). — Former Nazi S.S. Colonel Herbert Kappler, serving a life sentence in Italy as a war criminal, has asked the Italian authorities for permission to marry.

Now aged 63, Kappler has spent 26 years in jail. Tried in 1948, he was sentenced by an Italian military tribunal for a 1944 massacre of 335 Italians, killed as a reprisal for a World War II partisan ambush in Rome which caused the deaths of 33 Nazi soldiers.

His bride-to-be is Annelise Walter-Wenger, a 46-year-old German nurse from Soltau, Lower Saxony. A divorcee with three children, she has been writing to Kappler for the past eight years and has often visited him in his military prison — a converted fortress at Gaeta on the sea north of Naples.

Negroes make bid for Soviet Jews

MOSCOW (UPI). — A group of American Negro leaders yesterday proposed to Soviet representatives a plan for allowing Jews to leave the Soviet Union with a guarantee that they will not go to Israel for two years.

A spokesman for the National Economic Growth and Recovery Organization (N.E.G.R.O.) said the 13-member group discussed the proposal in talks at Moscow's Friendship House and they will raise it again during 17 days spent touring the Soviet Union.

The spokesman, Thomas Ryan, said the group's President, Dr. Thomas Matthews, already has discussed the proposal with the U.S. State Department and the Soviet Embassy. American Jews, including Rabbi Meir Kahane of the militant Jewish Defence League, asked Dr. Matthews to raise the issue during the tour, he said.

LONDON DOCTOR DISPLAYS FOOD

Deficient diet in Soviet camps

LONDON (INA). — A doctor displayed the food prisoners receive in a Soviet strict regime prison camp yesterday in a demonstration for Soviet Jewry outside the Soviet Embassy here.

According to Dr. Arnold Bender, a reader in nutrition at London University, prisoners receive a total of 1,200 calories per day. He called the diet "beyond doubt a deliberate attempt to undermine the health and strength of the prisoners.

"Anyone on this diet will suffer abominably after a few weeks. They will lose a stone in weight every month and will lose their vitality," he said.

This was the same kind of diet given to prisoners in Nazi concentration camps. "The massive deterioration in health leads to a breakdown in mental health and loss of the will to live — this is presumably what the jailers are trying to achieve," he concluded.

The display was organized by the "Thirty-Five Committee."

SLOW DEATH

Greville Janner, M.P. (Labour), held up individual items of the diet. He said that in no civilized country would any prisoner be submitted to anything like this. "Having ceased to condemn Jews to death after the outcry following the first Leningrad trial, the Russians are now condemning them to a slow death by starvation."

He called upon the U.S.S.R. to cease persecuting Jews who only wished to exercise their elementary human rights and in particular to emigrate to Israel.

The diet listed by Dr. Bender was:

Breakfast: 14 ounces black bread (full day's ration), one cup of hot water — no sugar allowed, one ounce herring.

Lunch: Two-thirds cup of soup, cooked cabbage and half a medium-sized sliced potato.

Dinner: 3½ to five ounces potato or one cup raw cabbage and tomato salad.

Miss Nude World, 1971

FREELTON, Canada (Reuter). — A shapely blonde stepped forward graciously to accept her newly-won beauty queen's crown here, clad in a simple two-piece outfit — white shoes and gold bracelet.

A crowd of 3,000 watched as Mrs. Rosemarie Hess, displaying a golden tan from head to toe, was crowned "Miss Nude World, 1971" at a nudist resort here, 24 kms. north of Hamilton, Ontario, on Saturday night.

Mrs. Hess, a 25-year-old Montreal clerk who beat 17 other contestants, told reporters afterwards that she was completely at ease in front of the crowd and added: "After five minutes it's no problem. There's nothing more to see..."

53 in Somaliland dead of cholera

DJIBOUTI, French Somaliland (Reuter). — A total of 53 people have died from cholera in this tiny French colony and a further 263 cases are being treated since the disease was declared an epidemic last month, according to the health authorities here.

The figures, which are dated up to last Wednesday, show that deaths increased by 21 and new cases by 56 over the preceding week.

29 killed in W. Japan rains

TOKYO (AP). — Twenty-nine persons were reported killed and nine others missing following heavy rains that caused landslides and floods in western Japan between last Thursday and Sunday, the national police said yesterday.

Forty-three others were injured and a total of 299 buildings were destroyed, seriously damaged or washed away following rains in Japan's southernmost island of Kyushu and the western part of Honshu, the largest Japanese island, they said.

England 145 for 5 in second innings

LONDON (Reuter). — Left arm spinner Bishen Bedi gave India an outside chance of victory in the first cricket test here yesterday when he dismissed England's most successful batsman, John Edrich, with the last ball of the day.

The wicket left England on 145 for five in their second innings — a lead of 136 — at the close of the fourth day and with six hours' play remaining, an Indian victory cannot be discounted.

Rain reduced play today to just under three and a half hours. The whole of the morning session was washed out and it was not until well into the afternoon that England was able to start its second innings.

Shimshon beaten 2-0 in Bogota

BOGOTA (AP). — Israeli soccer team Shimshon was beaten 2:0 here yesterday by Sante Fe of Colombia in a friendly match. The game was played before a crowd of 25,000.

Goals were scored by Sossa in the 18th minute and Rebellon in the 27th minute.

Mrs. Rosaline Gunya, wife of the donor in Sunday's heart-lung transplant, giving written permission for her husband's name to be published. The recipient is Mr. Adrian Herbert. (AP radiophoto)

Heart-lung donor's wife

Believed husband was getting well

CAPE TOWN (UPI). — Rosaline Gunya left the hospital "convinced" her injured husband was getting well. Instead, she said, she learned hours later his heart and lungs had been transplanted to another man.

Jackson Gunya, 28, lay dead but his heart and lungs yesterday were breathing and beating life into Adrian Herbert, a 51-year-old coloured dental worker.

Mrs. Gunya said she was never asked permission for the transplant operation, conducted by the pioneering surgery team of Dr. Christiaan Barnard. One doctor said it was not necessary. Another said permission came from the police. Dr. Barnard was unavailable for comment.

Mrs. Gunya said the historic operation came as a surprise to her. She said her husband was assaulted while trying to collect money for a relative's funeral. He was hospitalized with head injuries at Rondebosch Cottage Hospital.

He was transferred later to Groote Schuur, she said. "At Groote Schuur, everybody at first denied any knowledge of my husband. I insisted he was there, and after some time they took me to see him. To me he looked fine. He was being given blood, but there was no doctor in attendance," she said.

The first she knew of her husband's death, she said, was when an official called at her home on Sunday. "It was a terrible shock to learn my husband was dead."

Mrs. Gunya said that "not at any stage was I approached for permission for my husband's organs to be used." She added she was "terribly upset."

CHINA PREPARES ITS PEOPLE FOR NIXON

HONGKONG (Reuter). — China is preparing its people for President Nixon's pending trip to Peking by publishing articles on the U.S. every day.

This was disclosed by 15 American graduate students and teachers who arrived here yesterday after a month-long tour of China during which they were allowed to photograph virtually anything, including a space satellite tracking station.

They heard about President Nixon's trip while they were in Peking and they thought at first it was a joke.

A graduate student of the University of Wisconsin said: "Beginning the day after the announcement of the visit, 'The People's Daily' carried on its back page every single day an article about America — its history, geography and other things."

The Americans, representing the "Committee of Concerned Asian Scholars" — an anti-Vietnam-War group — met reporters at a press conference. They are the biggest group of Americans to visit China since the U.S. table tennis team went in at the start of Peking's round of ping pong diplomacy with the West.

General popular reaction in China to the coming American presidential visit was positive, according to Mrs. Jean Garavente, of the University of Washington.

One of the teachers in the group said the Americans were allowed to take photographs of an observatory in Nanking used as a satellite tracking station. They were allowed to photograph anything, apart from certain bridges and the new Peking subway. They were also barred from taking pictures while on board aircraft.

He said the Chinese people were very interested in the U.S. and asked numerous questions about the anti-war movement, the hippies, the working class and the drug problem.

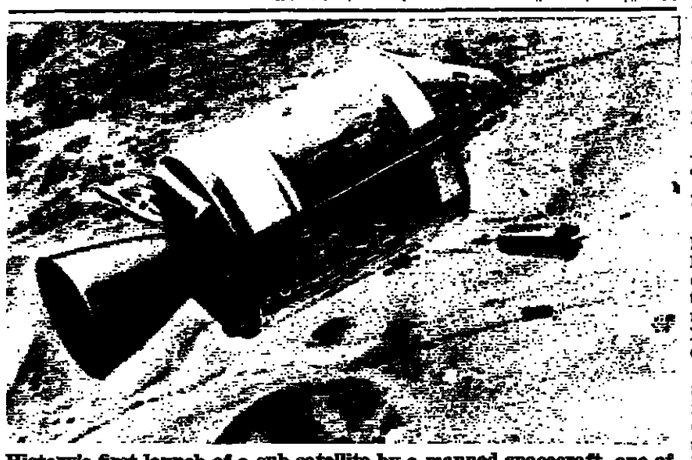
Despite the new interest in America, official Chinese news media continue to attack American government policies in strongly worded commentaries.

Meanwhile, a newspaper which adheres closely to Peking's political line yesterday published a series of quotations by Mao Tse-tung hinting that mainland China may be prepared to resume negotiations with the Nationalist regime of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in Taiwan.

The major portion of the 17 quotations, which took up a half-page in the Hongkong "Wen Wei Pao," came from a speech the Chairman made to party leaders in October 1945 after his return from Chungking where he had participated in negotiations with Gen. Chiang.

The reasoning Mao used then to explain his negotiations with Chiang is being used in China today to explain to cadres the reasons for the surprise invitation to President Nixon to visit China, according to travellers from China and analysts here who specialize in Chinese affairs.

One of the quotations said it was right to negotiate at certain times and another spoke of the correctness of making concessions for the sake of the fundamental interests of the people.



History's first launch of a sub-satellite by a manned spacecraft, one of the highlights of the Apollo-15 moon mission, is shown in this artist's impression. The sub-satellite will remain in orbit for up to one year, gathering information on the moon and its environment. It will be ejected into orbit following the lunar landing. (AP radiophoto)

Mission to moon

(Continued from page one)

which failed — was "the most uneventful one that we have had."

President Nixon watched the launch on television at his mountaintop retreat at Camp David, Maryland, and was reported "most pleased" at the way the $445m. flight had started.

The three astronauts are the first men to venture into space since three Russian cosmonauts died upon their return on June 30 from a 24-day tour of space.

For the science of geology, this was the start of the payoff mission of the $25,000m. U.S. moon programme.

On Friday evening, the Falcon lunar vehicle carrying Scott and Irwin is scheduled to touch down on the moon's surface at a risky site between a 330-metre-deep canyon and the Apennine mountains, 3.2 to 4.8 kms. high.

On Saturday they will be the seventh and eighth men — all American — to walk the surface of the moon, arriving two years and a week after Apollo-11 put Neil Armstrong and Edward Aldrin there in a "great leap for mankind."

Scott and Irwin will explore the mountain base and the valley in an electric-powered wire-wheeled $8m. space automobile.

Worden, orbiting in Endeavor, will employ new high-powered cameras and radiation sensors to map one-eighth of the lunar surface.

The moon-car ride could be hazardous in the weak gravitational pull of the moon. The machine — resembling a dune buggy — will enable Scott and Irwin to cover more of the planet's surface than all previous visitors combined during their 20 hours of exploration.

Scott and Irwin are scheduled to blast off the lunar surface on Monday afternoon and return to the mother ship. On Wednesday, the astronauts will launch a satellite which is to circle the moon for a year, transmitting data by radio. The new lunar explorers are scheduled for splash-down in the Pacific north of Hawaii on August 7.

The extra weight (30 tons more than Apollo-14), the rugged terrain of the landing site and the unforeseeable hazards of driving the silver-and-brown rover have increased the risks of this trip.

(AP, Reuter, UPI)

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Tidal waves sweep over New Britain

RABAUL, New Britain (Reuter). — A major earthquake, believed the strongest in the world since 1964, struck New Britain and New Ireland yesterday and three following tidal waves washed away dozens of houses in native villages.

The earthquake, second major shock in the area in a fortnight, lasted for nearly a minute and caused extensive and widespread damage in the two islands at the eastern end of the territory of New Guinea.

No loss of life has been reported but two school pupils were injured and civil defence officials have yet to investigate tidal wave reports from villages. A teachers' training college at Gaulim, 48 kms. from Rabaul, was believed wiped out by the shock.

The three tidal waves flooded Rabaul waterfront and the second dashed into the town's main street and shopping centre, sweeping boats and cars from the foreshore ahead of it. Dr. T. Davies, a vulcanologist, said the earthquake appeared to be the most severe registered anywhere since the Alaskan shock of March, 1964. It is also believed to be the first time in the world that two quakes registering more than eight on the open-ended Richter scale have occurred in the same area within 12 days.

THREE YOUNGSTERS from Haifa were arrested on Friday on suspicion of having stolen IL10 from a 17-year-old lad from Acre. The Acre boy complained that the three had attacked him and stolen his wallet.

Turkish recognition

ANKARA (AP). — Turkey will recognize Communist China early next month, an authoritative source said yesterday.

Turkey now has relations only with Nationalist China. The Nationalist Chinese Ambassador here, Admiral Ni Yue-si, has said that if Turkey recognizes Peking, the Nationalists will break off diplomatic ties.

In February, the Turkish Foreign Ministry announced that it would review its policy toward China. In April, the Ministry disclosed that the Turkish and Communist Chinese Ambassadors in Paris had started discussions toward recognition. Informed sources said that after the recognition announcement, establishment of diplomatic missions may take "some time."

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France sticks to Med. policy despite shocks

Report from PARIS by Jack Maurice

FRENCH officials are still groggy from the shock of the abortive *coup d'etat* against King Hassan of Morocco, their firmest friend across the Mediterranean. Following on the heels of the crisis in relations between Paris and Algiers and the snooks which Malta's Dom Mintoff has been cocking at the Western powers, the attempted putsch in Rabat has provoked plenty of heart-searching here. Until recently, Soviet expansion in the Mediterranean was regarded by the French Government as a problem which concerned only the Americans and their Israeli friends. But the events of the past few weeks have challenged almost all the theses on which France has founded its policies towards the Arab world.

No about-face

It would be wishful thinking to imagine that the current disenchantment here with the Arabs is going to produce an about-face in French diplomacy. President Pompidou possesses no alternative to the pro-Arab stance which he inherited from General de Gaulle. A new Grand Design for the Mediterranean based on an even-handed approach towards the two camps now in conflict would rock the Gaullist Party from top to bottom. Pompidou does not like taking risks. He prefers to play safe, particularly in the present state of unrest among his supporters, whose unity is threatened by a sensational real estate scandal involving Gaullist politicians and financiers.

However, Israel can still count on big reserves of sympathy among the French political leadership, even if these produce nothing more than lip-service. The Gaullist infantry are as pro-Israel as ever, even if their captains seem dedicated to the Arab cause. Premier Jacques Chaban-Delmas' meeting with Ambassador Asher Ben-Natan a few days ago does not represent any switch in French policy. Arranged through local intermediaries of the Jewish community here rather than via diplomatic channels, their talk — which revealed nothing new in French intentions — seems to have been primarily intended by the French Premier to appease French Jewry and its Gaullist allies. Chaban's remarks to Ben-Natan confirmed the tenor of French Ambassador Francis Huré's conversation with Mr. Abba Eban before he arrived in Paris on leave: France has nothing new to propose to Israel and, although the uneasiness here about developments in the Mediterranean is genuine, it was not expressed either by Chaban or Huré to the Israeli representatives.

Debre alarmed

Ironically, it is Defence Minister Michel Debré, that stalwart defender of the Gaullist political heritage, who is most alarmed by Soviet expansion. This concern, incidentally, did not deter him from listing Israel alongside Albania as the two Mediterranean countries which French servicemen are forbidden to visit during their summer furloughs this year. Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann still plays the role of standard-bearer for Franco-Soviet friendship and doggedly maintains that his threadbare plan for a Middle East settlement — based on an Israeli withdrawal — is supported by all France's Common Market partners. Schumann pretends to be completely undiscouraged by the disavowals of this claim which West German Foreign Minister Walter Scheel clearly pronounced in Jerusalem in June, and again last week before the Bundestag in Bonn.

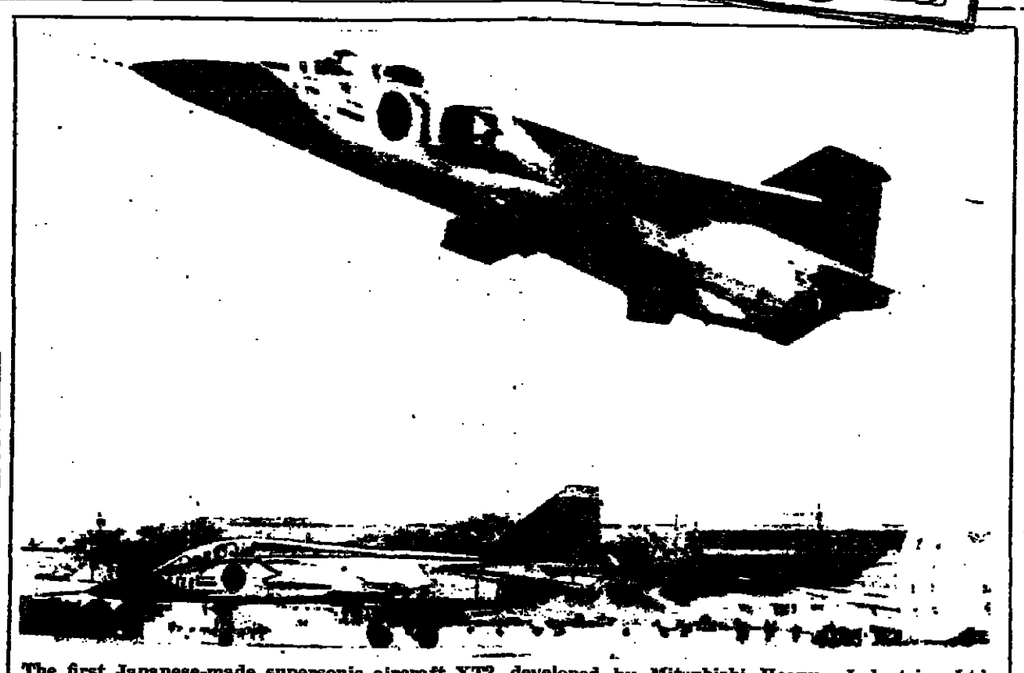
Jean de Broglie, de Gaulle's former Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and President of the National Assembly's Foreign Affairs Commission, is another pro-Arab "hawk" cast in the Schumann mould. He has just been summoned to the Elysée Palace and carpeted by Pompidou for his effusive declarations of support for his hosts during a visit to Algiers. Despite the signature of a five-year oil agreement terminating the recent crisis between Paris and Algiers, there are no illusions here about the durability of the new accord. Debré, the champion of the Mirage warplane deal with Libya, is terrified by the prospect of French fighter-bombers going into action at the orders of Colonel Gaddafi against King Hassan of Morocco.

Gibraltar danger

The French are aware that earlier this month the West almost lost control of the Straits of Gibraltar when Morocco seemed about to topple into the Communist camp. Soviet control of the Mediterranean would have been firmly anchored and the Arab states might soon have been welded into a vast left-wing federation under Libyan leadership. For all Pompidou's insistence that the U.S. will never be invited to establish a military presence in France again, the expulsion of the U.S. from its Moroccan bases at Kenitra and Nouasseur would have provoked the utmost despair here.

The newly revamped French Socialist Party is representing an embarrassed silence about these disturbing developments. The Party's new First Secretary, Francois Mitterrand, is giving priority to the achievement of an alliance with the Communists in readiness for the next general election. His lieutenants are equally reluctant to upset the Arabs and their supporters in France. Mitterand's right-hand man, Claude Estier, although a Jew, is a determined foe of Israel. So is another of his chief aides, the former Gaullist Minister Robert Buron, whom the Vichy Government entrusted with the task of winkling out (and expropriating) all Jews in the French cinema industry during World War II.

It is therefore curiously refreshing to note that France's state-owned television and radio networks have been adopting a much less hostile line towards Israel than in the past. This change of attitude is certainly a reflection of the doubts among the French leadership about the advantages of the policy which has been pursued here for the past four years. But it would be rash indeed to infer that there will be any reappraisal of its fundamental principles.



The first Japanese-made supersonic aircraft, XT2, developed by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd., manufacturers of the Zero fighter of World War II, seen during its successful test flight at Nagoya, Japan, last week. The aircraft is equipped with two turbofan jet engines jointly developed by Rolls-Royce of Britain and Turbomeca of France, capable of a maximum speed of Mach 1.6. (UPI)

THE NEWS IN PICTURES

Giovanni Bonfiglio, 80, shows his ankle locked to a two-metre long chain shortly before being released by a policeman in Rho, Italy. A police spokesman said Mr. Bonfiglio had been chained up by day by his relatives for almost a year to prevent him from eating fruit. His captors have been arrested and the old man hospitalised. (AP)

Professor Chris Barnard, with his wife Barbara, seen leaving the Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town on Sunday after he performed a complete heart-lung transplant operation. The patient, 51-year-old Adrian Herbert, was reported yesterday to be making progress and in "satisfactory" condition. It said the heart and lungs were functioning "perfectly adequately." (AP)

12 DAYS IN SPACE

CAPE KENNEDY, Florida (AP). — Here are the day-by-day highlights of the 12-day "Apollo 15" mission to the moon that began yesterday.

TUESDAY to THURSDAY: Apollo 15 coasts toward the moon, with Astronauts David R. Scott, James B. Irwin and Alfred M. Worden monitoring systems, making necessary course corrections and beaming occasional television reports to earth. At 2007 GMT, July 29, they fire into moon orbit.

FRIDAY: Scott and Irwin transfer to the lunar ship and at 1748 GMT separate, leaving Worden alone in command ship to conduct scientific and photographic experiments. At 2215 GMT Falcon lands at the Hadley-Apennine site 465 miles (750 kms.) north of the lunar equator on the edge of the Sea of Rains. Site is hemmed in on three sides by the high Apennine mountains and on the fourth by the one-mile-(1.6-km.)-wide Hadley Rille. At 2344 GMT Scott opens the top hatch of the lander and pokes the upper half of his body outside to survey the landing site. Mission control evaluates his report for any changes that might have to be made in the surface exploration.

SATURDAY: Scott and Irwin make their first of three descents to the surface at 1324 GMT. They unstow their four-wheel moon car called Rover 1 and drive about 2.5 miles (4 km.) to elbow crater on the rim of Hadley Rille. They collect rock and soil samples and photograph the 1,200-foot-deep canyon. They drive a short distance to the base of the mountains in a search for original lunar crust. At each stop, a television camera on Rover relays their activities to earth. They return to Falcon after driving a total of about 9 kms., while Irwin deploys a nuclear-powered science station, Scott drills three 3m.-deep holes. In two he places temperature sensors and from the other he collects deep-down soil samples. After seven hours outside, they climb back inside the lander to rest.

SUNDAY: Moonmen start second seven-hour excursion at 1046 GMT, driving nearly 8 kms. to another area of the mountain, stopping en route to sample a group of impact craters. They range along the front looking for crust material that might date back to the origin of the moon. En route back to the lander, they conduct soil mechanics tests in a plain called the Marsh of Decay.

MONDAY: Scott and Irwin start early, at 0724 GMT on their third excursion, a six-hour drive to several spots along the Hadley Rille and then about 4 kms. north to a region known as the North Complex to investigate a group of craters which may have been formed by volcanoes. They again sample the Marsh of Decay en route back to Falcon. They climb back in for the final time after a total of 20 hours outside and about 35 kms. driving during the three explorations.

The Rover TV camera televises live to earth the liftoff of the landing vehicle at 1709 GMT. After a chase of nearly two hours, Falcon catches and links up with Worden in the command ship Endeavor at 1704 GMT.

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY: Astronauts spend two additional days in lunar orbit conducting scientific and photographic experiments, mapping nearly 20 per cent of the moon's surface. At 2010 GMT Aug. 4, Worden ejects a 35.6-kg. scientific satellite from the equipment bay at the rear of the spacecraft. Satellite to radio data for at least a year on gravity, magnetic and electrical fields. At 2118 GMT they fire out of lunar orbit and head back toward earth.

THUESDAY: at 1534 GMT Worden opens command ship hatch and, attached to a 7.6m. line which feeds him oxygen, he steps into space and works his way back about 4.6m. to the equipment bay, using foot restraints and hand rails. From the bay he retrieves two cassettes from cameras which have taken nearly two miles of film of the lunar surface. The walk, which lasts less than an hour, is necessary because the equipment bay is jettisoned before re-entry and does not return to earth with the astronauts.

FRIDAY and SATURDAY: Apollo 15 coasts homeward with astronauts making necessary course corrections and sending occasional TV report to earth. On Aug. 7, Endeavour slams back into earth's atmosphere and splashes down in the Pacific Ocean 523 kms. north of Honolulu at 2046 GMT.

Belgium has own views on M.-E.

By YA'AKOV REUEL
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

BELGIUM, whose Foreign Minister arrived in Israel last night, is the closest to France of all the countries of the European Community. This alone gives Mr. Pierre Harmel's current visit, which closes a series by the Foreign Ministers of five out of the "Six," a special significance in the eyes of Israel officials.

As long as Charles de Gaulle was in power in Paris, Belgium's Europeanness inevitably pitted it against isolationist France. With the switch that occurred under the General's successors, however, Belgium's natural affinity with France found new expression within the Community. In Belgium's eyes, European unity without France is a logical impossibility, and once France is prepared to conceive of a Europe as a whole — and not merely of a Europe of nations — it must be allowed to have its say within the Community.

This is not to say that Belgium has no mind of its own — for example, on the Arab-Israel conflict. Indeed, Mr. Harmel is reported to have bridled at some recent Israel suggestions that Belgium's stand, as expressed in the Community's recent Middle East discussions, bore the marks of French pressure. Whatever resemblance there was between the positions of the two governments, Mr. Harmel insisted, was pure coincidence.

European unity

To be sure, Belgium was vitally interested in forging Western Europe's political unity by having the Community's Foreign Ministers adopt a joint platform on issues which originate in other areas, but which affect the Continent directly. The father of the idea was, in fact, the political Director-General of the Belgian Foreign Ministry, Mr. Etienne Davignon, who is accompanying Mr. Harmel on his current visit here. But the effort, for one thing, has not yet resulted in anything except a non-committal "working paper," which left every member free to espouse its own views, and, for another, Belgium's views were its own, and there was nothing for Israel to fear in them.

Israel officials would dearly wish to be persuaded by Mr. Harmel that this was indeed the case, on the main political topics already taken up by the Community — borders, Jerusalem and refugees. There are issues which Mr. Harmel must have discussed at length with Arab leaders in the four countries of the area visited in recent weeks — Egypt, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan.

Mr. Harmel visited Amman just last week, at the height of the Jordanian army's mop-up operations against the Palestinian terrorists. The issue was of interest to Mr. Harmel, if only because Belgium's own contribution to the supposedly still confidential "working paper" concerned the problem of the Arab refugees.

The Belgian position is that the issue must be approached on strictly humanitarian grounds — as an issue touching *people*, but not necessarily a people. This did not assure a full meeting of minds with Israel, since Belgium also proceeded from the basic premise of U.N. resolutions which recommend a choice, however qualified, between repatriation and compensation for the refugees. But Belgium clearly rejected the Arab claim of "inalienable" rights for the Palestine people to "their homeland."

An issue of more immediate interest to Amman, and to Jerusalem, last week involved Jerusalem, which the Jordanians were then planning to take to the Security Council, of which Belgium is a member. Mr. Harmel is yet to follow the example of Italy's Aldo Moro, and refer to Jerusalem in public as Israel's capital. But there are signs that Belgium is not actively averse to the idea of a united Jerusalem under Israel sovereignty, with special arrangements for the protection of the holy places in and around the Old City.

The main bone of contention, in the talks scheduled to be held in Jerusalem today and tomorrow, is likely to be the old one — borders. Unlike France, Belgium does not read the Security Council's November resolution as requiring Israeli withdrawal from "all the" occupied territories, only from "the" occupied territories, which is what the French text in fact says. The distinction is, of course, one without much of a difference, although the Belgian reading leaves some room for negotiations over mutual frontier rectifications.

American interpretation

This is still unacceptable to Israel, which insists on the English text, where "territories" to be evacuated are left undefined, with the implication that all borders must be jointly determined anew, through negotiations. But even the English version has not barred an American interpretation of the resolution as a mandate for virtually total withdrawal. Politics, not semantics, is the key and Israeli officials, granting that Belgium is not a French satellite, strongly suspect that Belgian views on the territorial settlement are a reflection of American as much as of French policies, particularly since Sadat's acceptance of the Jarring initiative.

Whether Mr. Harmel's talks in Cairo last month weakened or reinforced his convictions on this issue, is something that his conferees here would also very much like to learn. Before leaving Egypt the Belgian Foreign Minister applauded its leaders' desire for "peace." But this might have been mere diplomatic lip service, and at a time when even France was reportedly having second thoughts on the Soviets' Arab-aided attacks on Nato's soft underbelly in the south, there was some ground for hope that Belgium would realize the need for a strong Israel, protected by defensible borders.

Israeli officials would consider it a diplomatic achievement of the first order if Mr. Harmel were to return to Brussels with a statement similar to that made by West Germany's Foreign Minister Walter Scheel in the Bundestag the other day, following his return from Israel — that, when all was said and done, the solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict could only be secured by way of a freely negotiated agreement.

In terms of Israel's interest, the closest analogy to Belgium among the Community members was in fact Italy rather than West Germany. Oddly enough, Mr. Harmel's most like-minded Foreign Minister in Western Europe was Italy's Mr. Moro: both products of Jesuit schools and law faculties, both men of the political centre, both deeply intellectual, and both quietly firm in their personal manner. Like Mr. Moro's visit to Israel in April, Mr. Harmel's visit this week is calculated to have an impact on the politics of our area.

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Britain takes off economic brakes to get into Europe

By NORA BELOFF

LONDON (Ofns). — IN deciding to boost business and lower taxes on a far grander scale than anyone expected, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer has taken a calculated risk.

There are many critics who are convinced that the British are back at the drearily familiar "stop-go" routine, with the Government's efforts to hold back wages and prices leading to a slump, and then the Government's efforts to overcome the slump reviving the old wage-price spiral — and so back again to slump.

Mr. Anthony Barber, however, is counting on a series of favourable factors which he believes in the long run will justify his daring (some would say reckless) decision that the time has come to take off the brakes and let the economy rip — or at least grow by four and a half per cent instead of by the previously prevailing three per cent a year.

Admittedly, by European, let alone Japanese standards, this is a very modest growth, but it is still 50 per cent higher than the previous figure and is expected to convince businessmen, who are currently refusing to invest, that better times are here again.

Added Value Tax soon

First, Mr. Barber can claim that the methods he has chosen for giving an extra fillip to consumer demand fit in with his Government's strategy. The major reduction in purchase tax, by two-elevenths, is a prelude to the abolition of that tax altogether. It is to be replaced, probably next year, by the Added Value Tax favoured by the EEC countries. And the Government's decision to scrap controls over hire purchase and let shopkeepers decide themselves the terms on which they will sell is in line with the recommendations from a Royal Commission on credit, which has already condemned the manipulation of hire-purchase terms as a damaging form of controlling the level of demand.

On boosting business, the Government has made two big concessions. First, businessmen who might be considering whether or not to invest are to be given an extra inducement for doing so immediately by being offered improved depreciation allowances for the next two years. Further, in addition to the extra £100 million which the Government has already promised to spend on public works in the more backward areas of the country, there is an extra inducement to the service industries (hotels, garages, laundries, etc.) who will now qualify for total tax write-off for their plant as manufacturing industries in the areas already do.

The high levels of unemployment in Scotland and the North-East of England, besides their social damage, have been an appalling drain on national resources since wage-related benefits mean relatively high dole for people who are making no productive contribution at all.

Besides benefits for the consumer and the businessman, there is a third factor in the reflationary package which, for ideological reasons, the Government is not shouting too much about: a further decision to subsidize state-owned industries.

Instead of insisting, as before, that these must be "commercially viable" to justify their existence, that is to say they must make people pay the full costs of the goods and services they produce, and in return will be given no-cost public loans to enable them to fulfil their existing investment programmes. The cost could amount to some £300m. a year.

Britain's package

Mr. Barber would not have dared go so far without the firm promise of the Confederation of British Industry that they would do their utmost to stabilize prices. The present price levels, between 7 and 8 per cent higher than a year ago, have been recognized as a major obstacle in fighting excessive pay claims. The Government does not expect any formal promise from the trades unions to hold back wages but it does hope that, having on its own side taken measures to cut unemployment (the present package, it is hoped, should reduce unemployment by at least 100,000 from about 700,000 within a year) and keep down prices, it may find union leaders in a more cooperative mood.

Most important of all, the reflation is an esential part of the political and economic preparation of Britain for entry into the European Economic Community, to which the Government is now irrevocably committed.

Secondly, British business needs a spurt of confidence to encourage improvements, streamlining and innovations which will be needed to make the British economy competitive enough to withstand the elimination of tariff protection between itself and the often more productive European industries. Until now, Britain has staggered along holding its own in world markets partly thanks to much lower food costs; Continental countries had to pay out of industrial profits for their relatively high-cost agriculture. Now Britain is to be deprived of this asset, since entering the Market means excluding cheap Commonwealth food and sharing the burden of supporting less productive Continental farmers.

The pro-Marketeers, led by the Prime Minister and Mr. Barber, believe that the spur of competition will encourage more dynamism in British business, restrain runaway prices and wages and that, in the end, everyone will be better off. But this depends on the nood and expectation of businessmen themselves. Mr. Barber is trying to give them, on their way into Europe, the best send-off he can.

Business and Finance

TULKARM'S FIRST CONSUMER CO-OP

By GIDEON WEIGERT
Special to The Jerusalem Post

TULKARM, the West Bank town, now has a flourishing consumer cooperative, which has been in operation for about six months.

Perhaps the residents of the town, located just west of the "green line" opposite the Israeli "Little Triangle," were wary of cooperatives because of the experience of co-op shops in the neighbouring villages of Shweikah and Deir Ghosesh. Both went bankrupt before 1967, probably because they failed to observe the golden rule of cooperative shopping that payment must be only on a cash basis.

Before the war, Tulkarm's residents enjoyed low prices, especially for agricultural goods supplied by the fertile farmlands which surround it. But prices began to go up—to higher Israeli levels — as Arab farmers from neighbouring Tayibe and Tireh made Tulkarm, which is much closer to their homes than Netanya, their new shopping centre. The salaried class of workers — in government offices, in banks, in business enterprises — were the first to feel the pinch. "Our salaries just did not last past the middle of the month, and we had to do something to feed our families," said Abu Ali, the Tulkarm postmaster.

A group from Tulkarm went to the regional cooperative office in Nablus, where they consulted with director Abdul Latif Zawati. In the spring of last year, 110 members — each contributing 20 dinars — formed a cooperative society, registered according to the Jordanian law, which is still in force. The shop opened six months later.

A visitor to the cooperative's shop in the centre of Tulkarm is surprised by its neatness and order. The traditional "three rings" sign of the world cooperative movement hangs over its show window, and inside are displayed a wide range of goods. The grocery section carries products manufactured in the West Bank, Israel-made products and goods produced in Jordan; other sections show household and kitchen wares, a small cosmetics and drug department, some fresh vegetables, eggs and soft drinks.

Branching out

The cooperative is already thinking of expansion. "We want to raise more share capital, to open a branch selling electrical equipment and household appliances," Abu Ali said. "We also need a branch shop to sell vegetables and fruit. A large refrigerator is on order, and the shop soon will begin to sell frozen chickens and meat."

The shop was not an immediate success, even with the members of the cooperative. "They always used to run out to the market to compare prices," said Mohammed Amin Abu Rab, secretary of the local municipality.

Inside the Tulkarm co-op. (Weigert photo)

But slowly, confidence built up — aided by the realization that the shop's prices were 15 to 25 per cent lower than grocery shops in the area. (This has had an effect on many local merchants, who have had to cut their prices to remain competitive.)

Ghageb Abdul Kader, the co-op's sales manager, described some of the tactics the local merchants used to fight the new shop. Rumours circulated that the co-op "surely is an Israeli enterprise, and that means that its members are cooperating." This succeeded in some cases, and some members left the cooperative.

The next mode of attack was commercial. Some of the merchants cut their prices to match those of the cooperative, and allowed credit as well.

Social meetings

But despite these challenges, the cooperative has held its own. The 65 members who remain have become more closely-knit, and work together more effectively.

Abu Ali devotes most of his free time, after office hours, to the co-op. Other members have begun to use the shop as a meeting place, and it has developed as something of a social centre for the 65 members.

The cooperative's members, who are confident about their future, are looking to the Israeli authorities for advice and guidance in the running of their enterprise. They want to attend cooperative "study days" and seminars, and to learn from the experience of such large and thriving cooperatives as Tnuva and Hamashbir in Israel.

Denies new taxes planned

Sapir: Private consumption up

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Exports started increasing faster in the second quarter of this year, but private consumption betrayed signs of a rise, too — because people were earning higher wages, and expecting prices and taxes to rise too.

Finance Minister Sapir said this in the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday, adding that the means of payment had gone up over 18 per cent in the first six months of 1971. The labour shortage had reached a record high, he said, explaining that such pressures in the labour market were always an indicator of intensive economic activity.

The cease-fire has not reduced security expenditures, Mr. Sapir said. On the contrary, additional outlays are now being asked for in the security field. The State Budget needs to find more money for housing, health, and salaries.

The Government does not intend to levy new taxes this year, nor does it have plans for new taxes next year either, Mr. Sapir assured the Committee.

The rises in fuel prices were not intended to solve any monetary problems, but simply to adjust the prices to those of the world market; and, in so doing, make them more rational.

Finance Committee chairman Israel Kargman asked Mr. Sapir to see that the promised Consumers Commissioner — supposed to combat unfair price rises — was appointed as quickly as possible.

Seamen contract to operate ship

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A group of 18 seamen have undertaken to operate the 3,000-ton freighter m.s. Esther, on a cooperative-contractual basis. The men have reduced her complement by four, and the savings effected on manpower and maintenance will be shared by the crew and the company.

The crew will get one-third of the savings on manpower and 60 per cent on the amount they can save on maintenance. The ship sails the Haifa-Marseilles route.

Pre-fab motels planned for 1973

TEL AVIV. — A new company — Pan Motels — will soon start construction on a string of pre-fabricated motels throughout the country, which will provide 2,000 more rooms for tourists and vacationing Israelis. This was stated at a joint press conference of the investors here on Sunday.

The firm intends completing the project by 1973 — Israel's 25th anniversary — when an influx of tourists are expected to come to Israel.

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RESULT OF CHANGE IN LAND LAW

In the Supreme Court sitting as Court of Civil Appeals

Before the Deputy President (Justice Sussman) Justices Landau, Berinson, Witkon and Kister.

Haim & Hana Boker, Appellants, v. 1. Anglo-Israel Co. 2. Gila Kattan, Respondents (C.A. 178/70).

LAW REPORT — The Jerusalem Post — Edited by Doris Lankin

TUESDAY, JULY 27, 1971

No equitable ownership under new Land Law

Continued from Sunday.

Justice Landau

In concurring that the appeal should be dismissed, Justice Landau agreed that sections 160 and 161 of the new Land Law had completely changed the legal picture by abrogating the equitable rights in immovable property, based on the English model, which had been introduced into Israel law through the channel of article 46 of the Palestine Order in Council. This innovation, he explained, was introduced for the important purpose of increasing the constitutive value of registration and bolstering confidence in the reliability of the Land Registers. The net result is, he continued, that since the Land Law was enacted no transaction in immovable property is complete before registration has been effected, and any contractual obligation is binding only on the parties concerned and not on third parties, who have given consideration and acted in good faith.

In the present case, therefore, Justice Landau noted, there had been nothing to prevent the apartment being attached, as the registered owner of the apartment was still the second respondent-and the agreement between the appellants and the second respondent was not binding on anyone who was not privy to it. Nor, he continued, was this conclusion affected by the fact that the appellants were already in possession of the apartment.

This conclusion, he agreed, was very drastic for the appellants, particularly since the property concerned was their dwelling, and the question arises as to whether it could have been prevented.

Justice Landau then went on to point out that the legislature had provided a remedy against the stringency of the registration system, although the remedy itself came within the framework of this system: that is, the possibility of entering a cautionary note in the Land Register. The importance of this remedy, he continued, has increased considerably with the repeal of equitable rights, providing, as it does, an opportunity for the person entitled to rights under a contract to prevent registration of any transaction which conflicts with the contents of the note, save with his consent or by order of a court. However, he continued, this remedy applies only against the registration of transactions, while unilateral acts such as attachments, are not mentioned by the law. The question arises, therefore, whether the courts are entitled to fill this lacuna by interpreting the law as applying the remedy also to attachments, the temptation to do so being great in the light of the fact that the quasi-proprietary defence provided by the entry of a cautionary note holds against a conflicting proprietary transaction, and may be assumed, therefore, to hold all the more so against an attachment (not to speak of a temporary attachment) which has no proprietary properties at all and is only a means of preserving the *status quo* and preventing the owner of property from disposing of it in any way. Furthermore, a cautionary note could serve as a guide to the application for an attachment order as to who is paying money to his debtor and so enable him to attach the money, if not the property.

However, held Justice Landau, he had eventually come to the conclusion that the Supreme Court would not be entitled to fill the lacuna in the law by creative interpretation and that it was up to the legislature to give this question its attention in order to prevent future possibilities of hardship to purchasers of immovable property, which is attached before they manage to secure registration in their name.

Justice Witkon concurred with Justice Landau.

Justice Sussman

Justice Sussman in concurring that the appeal should be dismissed, agreed with his colleagues that the new Land Law has repealed the previous law with respect to equitable rights in property. Israel law, he said, has thus been brought into line with the continental system of law, rather than with the English system.

He then pointed out, in parenthesis, that the new Land Law had also repealed the remedy of specific performance. This remedy, he added, was restored by the Contract (Remedies for Breach of Contract) Law, 1970, which came into force in March 1971. But this left an interval of more than a year during which all contracts were not subject to specific performance:

Justice Berinson concurred with all his colleagues.

Appeal dismissed with IL500 costs.

Judgment given on June 29, 1971.

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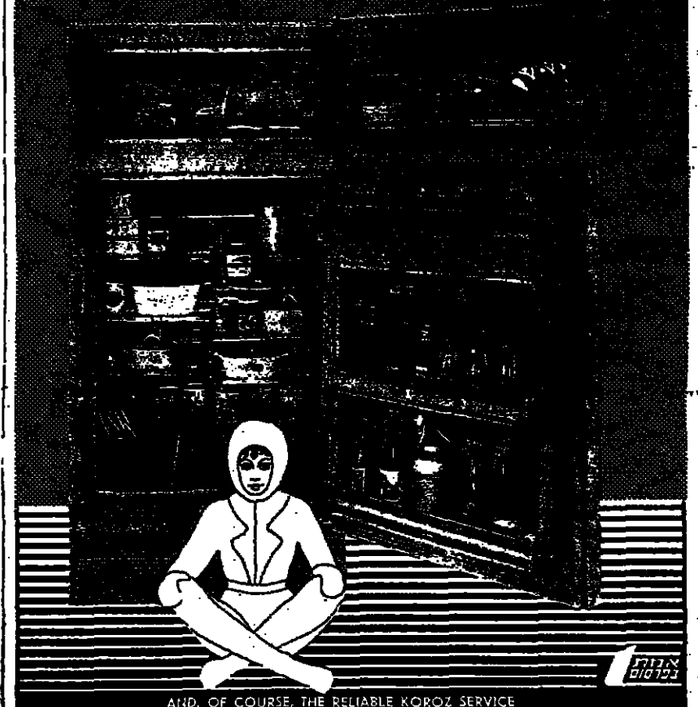

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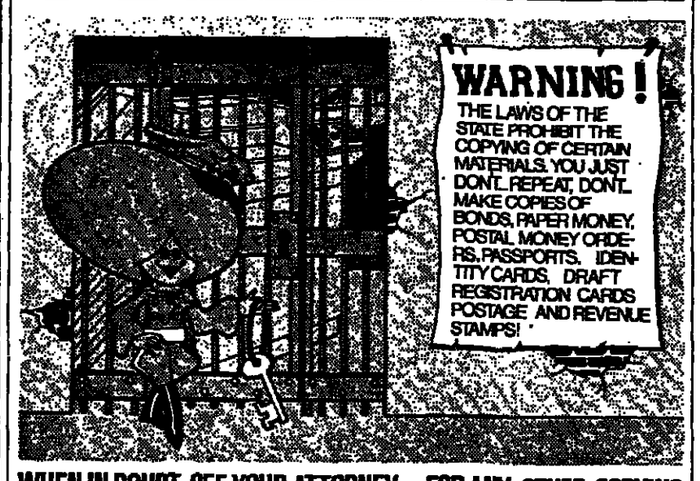

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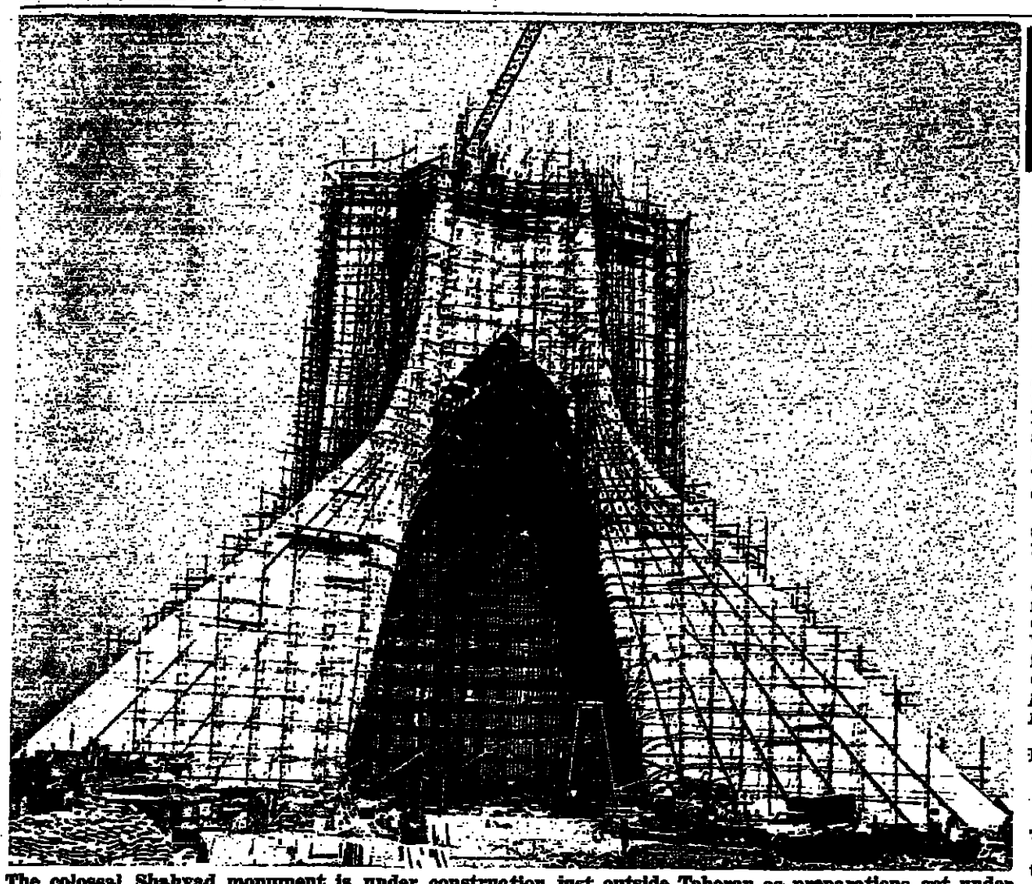

The colossal Shahyad monument is under construction just outside Teheran as preparations get under way for the celebrations and ceremonies during October to mark the 2,500th anniversary of the Iranian Monarchy. The imposing monument will accommodate heads of state and royalty from all over the world. (UPI)

Hippies mass in Vondelpark
AMSTERDAM SLEEP-IN

By HENRIETTE BOAS
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

AMSTERDAM.— AMSTERDAM, this summer, has acquired a new attraction, and the Dutch language a new word. This word is "sleep-in," in the English spelling and pronunciation, which means a place where one can sleep together with many others, free of charge. And the attraction is the new venue of this "sleep-in" which is no longer, as during the past two summers, the cold stone steps of the National Monument on the Dam Square — now declared out of bounds to sleepers by the police — but the grass of the meadows of the Vondelpark. Some six to eight hundred "hippies" are estimated to sleep there each night.

Ever since it was erected, several decades ago, the statue of the Dutch 17th-century Prince of poets, Joost van den Vondel, after whom the Vondelpark has been named, has seen passing by mostly young mothers with prams, dog-owners with their dogs, lovers, and old people. In recent years, especially on Sundays and in the early summer evenings, there has been a substantial addition of Moroccan and Turkish "guest workers," many of whom now live, several to a room, in what were once residential houses bordering the park. These Moroccans and Turks differ from the traditional visitors of the park by their faces, but not by their clothes.

By the statue

Now, however, an entirely different crowd has taken possession of part of the parkland, in particular of the part around the ponds near the statue of Vondel. Their hair may be blonde, and their eyes blue, but their dress would seem colourful even in an Oriental bazaar.

Remarkably, though the park is of fairly modest size, many parts of it are completely empty of hippies, who prefer to concentrate in one particular part only. They seek nature, but not solitude.

Word of this new attraction seems to have got around the world quickly. Chartered airliners arrive daily from the United States, and trains come from France, Italy and elsewhere, full of young hippies, or at least young people looking like hippies. Their main luggage often consists of a sleeping bag and a rucksack, sometimes also a guitar or other musical instruments. As soon as they arrive in Amsterdam, they direct their steps towards the Vondelpark, near the statue of Vondel, spread their sleeping bags, and lie down for most of the day. Fortunately, the weather has been exceptionally fine in Holland in recent weeks.

Town Hall permission

The Amsterdam Municipality which last year, for reasons of both principle and sanitation, prohibited sleeping on the steps of the National Monument for those who fell during the years 1940-1945, has now allowed young tourists to sleep in the Vondelpark. It has even converted a domestic-science school at the corner of the park, unused for the past few years, into an amenities centre, with washrooms, toilets and even a luggage depot. Not all Vondelpark sleepers spend the night in the park because they have no money for a hostel; some arrive with fashionable suitcases, but prefer the park for the fun of it. Not all park sleepers use the cloakrooms, for that matter; with a deep distrust in their fellow-men, they prefer, if they are a group, to dump all their belongings on the grass and leave one of themselves in charge. Nor do all park-sleepers, I'm afraid, make use of the washrooms, though this is free of charge.

At this Amenities Centre, moreover, a doctor and a nurse are on duty for some hours a day, largely referring applicants to other addresses, but also treating emergency cases, in particular those who have been "flipped" by an overdose of drugs. The use of soft drugs is not forbidden in the park, and can in any case not easily be checked.

When I passed these Vondelpark-sleepers the other day, the impression was one of quiet innocence, though it is possible that the lawn, the shrubs and the trees neutralize the smell of hashish.

Under the road-bridge crossing the park there is a Clubhouse which during most of the year serves jazz-loving Amsterdam youth, but is now a cafe for the Vondelpark sleepers where they can obtain, against payment, their breakfast and other meals, and find entertainment in the evening. Here too, the smoking of soft drugs is allowed, but peddling and the use of hard drugs are strictly forbidden. Yet, not everything is as innocent as it looks. The Amsterdam police has announced that during the past two months over 400 complaints have been received from youngsters whose belongings had been stolen.

Among the stolen objects are not only transistor radios and musical instruments, but also Dutch and foreign currency, cheques, and above all passports. Most of those who lodged complaints were youths from abroad.

So far only a small number of arrests have been made. According to the police most of those arrested originate from Southern Europe or from North Africa. Last week-end, however, as many as 17 arrests were made, 16 of them aliens, aged between 16 and 21.

Meanwhile it is reported from Ibiza, on the Baleares, that several hundred hippies, who have been expelled by the Spanish authorities for disorderly behaviour, are queuing up at local travel agencies to book trips to Amsterdam.

Killed in flight from E. Berlin

BERLIN (AP). — Three men trying to escape from East to West Berlin during Saturday night were shot down by machine-gun fire from East Berlin, West Berlin police reported yesterday. One of the men was killed and another wounded, they said.

East Berlin floodlights were switched on and guards in two watchtowers fired about 30 shots at the group as they ran across the last few metres of Communist territory to a fence bordering a canal in the American sector of West Berlin, officers said.

Readers' letters

FATAH & PHOSPHATES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your report of July 8 about a member of the Fatah who was executed in Jordan because he blew up a furnace in a phosphate plant took us back to an event of 25 years ago.

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MICHA LOEWENSTEIN, Managing Director, Combustion and Ventilation Engineering, Ltd.

Haifa, July 20.

GUIDES DEFENDED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — It would only be fair, I think, to add some information to your article on Israeli Guides (July 16). Whatever the shortcomings or kickbacks, you should supply your readers with some data on the average number of working days per year of these 1,700 guides. If it turns out that a guide has to keep *his family exclusively through part*-time work, this might offer sufficient reason to defend the taking of commissions from souvenir shops.

ELI ROTHSCHILD

Tel Aviv, July 18.

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Sir, — When I read your article about Israeli guides (July 16), I was surprised to see so many complaints. In my opinion, they are well trained and well behaved. I don't care in which shop or restaurant we stopped, I was so interested in all I was seeing and all the information the guides were giving us. Instead of complaining, those who come here should be proud and happy with this marvellous country we have built up.

AARON ABRABEN

Tel Aviv (North Miami Beach, Florida), July 18.

CRITIC CRITICIZED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — It is all too common nowadays to accept a reviewer's word as law, and this fact makes or breaks many plays, movies, and musical works after their first performance. It is for these two reasons that I write this letter commenting on the review of Benjamin Bar-Am on the opening concert of the Israel Festival (July 20).

Mr. Bar-Am seemed to find all kinds of distinct associations with the score of Ami Ma'ayani's "Qumran." Somehow I feel that if the name of the piece were "Caesarea" or "New York" he would have had very different interpretations of the same music. This is not to say that I agree with the impression I had from most listeners I overheard who were reluctant to call the piece music — I could definitely close my eyes and feel myself carried somewhere, though not necessarily the desert; the problem came when I opened my eyes and saw Mr. Mehta as a human metronome. He seemed to be putting up with the score and I don't recall his being able to signal more than one or two entrances because of the complexity of the score.

After Mr. Bar-Am's vivid interpretation of Ma'ayani, it is even more difficult to see how he could call Shostakovitch's rich use of Babi Yar "abysses of banality and emptiness." There is never any question where this piece takes place, and Shostakovitch's rich use of Russian melodies and brilliant musical personifications has reinforced my respect for music as a poetry medium more than any piece I've heard, for even without Yevtushenko's magnificent poetry, the music itself was a beautiful poem.

MARK S. SCHNEIDER

Jerusalem, July 22.

640 kg. in three lifts

SPORTS ABROAD
BY JOHN WOSNER

RUSSIAN weightlifter Vasily Alexeyev, billed as the strongest man on earth, set four world records in Moscow on Saturday night in the super-heavyweight division.

Alexeyev, a 29-year-old student from the town of Shakhty, lifted a total of 640 kgs. in three lifts at the Spartakiad competition. The Spartakiad is sometimes called the "Russian Olympics." Alexeyev, a huge, bear-like man, has set seven records so far in this year's Spartakiad.

GOLF

ARNOLD Palmer scored his third victory of the season, with an 18 under par 270 in the $250,000 Westchester Golf Classic, New York State, on Sunday.

Palmer, accompanied by a huge, shouting, shoving mob of fans, cut one stroke off par with a 35 on the front nine at the Westchester Country Club Course and made the turn in 237 — 15 under par. His 33 for the last nine gave him a tournament total of 64, 70, 68, 68.

Palmer had a three-stroke lead going into the last round but 30-year-old Gibby Gilbert trimmed one off that margin when he made the turn in 34 for 239.

Gilbert messed up the last nine however to return a final score of 275, the same as Hal Irwin who took a 68. Sam Snead who, at the age of 59, only plays in the big tournaments, returned 277 to take 4th place, and Jack Nicklaus was way down the field with 280. Lee Trevino quit the tournament after 2 rounds after returning ridiculous scores including an eight on the final hole of the second round.

Palmer's $50,000 top prize was the biggest in a career that has earned him more than $1.4m.

But more than that it was his first victory since the Citrus Open in March and only his third for the year.

He had been playing so poorly — he wound up 49th in Houston in April and tied for 11th in the Canadian Open, his last outing — that he took two weeks off to regain his confidence and his concentration.

It may be the beginning of a new playing pattern for the 41-year-old Palmer.

"I'm not just going to be able to play as often and play as well. I'm going to have to go into tournaments a little fresher."

MOTOR-RACING

A BELGIAN driver, Raymond Mathey, was killed when his car skidded and burst into flames during the 24-hour Tourist Car Race in Francorchamps, Belgium on Sunday.

An official statement said that Mathey's BMW skidded on a corner, turned over and crashed through the double safety barrier into a field where it caught fire.

Mathey, who was 39, was dead when rescuers freed him from the blazing wreck.

BASEBALL

VIDA Blue, seeking to become the first left-handed pitcher in 40 years to win 30 games in one season, chalked up victory No. 19 for the Oakland Athletics on Sunday.

Blue, who has lost only three, yielded only one hit in gaining a 6-1 victory over the Detroit Tigers in the second game of a doubleheader after the Tigers had taken the opener 7-4.

Elsewhere, Sunday was a disaster for the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Baltimore Orioles. Both lost doubleheaders. The Pirates dropped their first twin bill of the season, falling to the San Diego Padres 2-1 and 2-0. Fred Norman pitched a five-hitter in the opener and Steve Arlin a three-hitter in the nightcap as the Padres snapped a six-game losing streak. The California Angels beat the Orioles 6-2 and 9-6 in 13 innings. A five-run second inning off Mike Cuellar gave the Angels the opener and Ken Berry's single and John Stephenson's two-run double broke up the extra-inning afterpiece for a sweep.

In other doubleheaders the New York Yankees swept the Milwaukee Brewers 6-2 in 11 innings and 11-9 and the Chicago White Sox swept the Washington Senators 5-1 and 9-6; while the San Francisco Giants split with the Cincinatti Reds, and the Kansas City Royals divided with the Cleveland Indians. San Francisco beat the Reds 7-3, then lost 5-2. Kansas City defeated the Indians 4-3, before losing 2-1.

BASEBALL STANDINGS
after Sunday's games

	W	L	PCT.	GB
National League				
EAST				
Pittsburgh	63	36	.644	—
St. Louis	54	47	.535	11
Chicago	53	46	.535	11
New York	51	46	.526	12
Philadelphia	44	57	.436	21
Montreal	40	61	.396	25
WEST				
San Francisco	62	41	.602	—
Los Angeles	53	49	.520	8½
Atlanta	53	52	.505	10
Houston	49	50	.495	11
Cincinnati	48	56	.462	14½
San Diego	36	67	.350	26
American League				
EAST				
Baltimore	62	38	.612	—
Boston	57	40	.588	2½
Detroit	51	48	.515	9½
New York	51	51	.500	11
Cleveland	41	50	.410	20
Washington	40	55	.408	20
WEST				
Oakland	61	35	.648	—
Kansas City	52	43	.536	10½
California	49	54	.476	16½
Chicago	45	54	.455	18½
Minnesota	44	54	.449	19
Milwaukee	40	57	.412	22½

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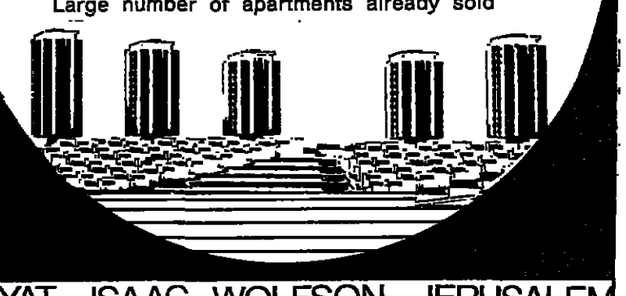

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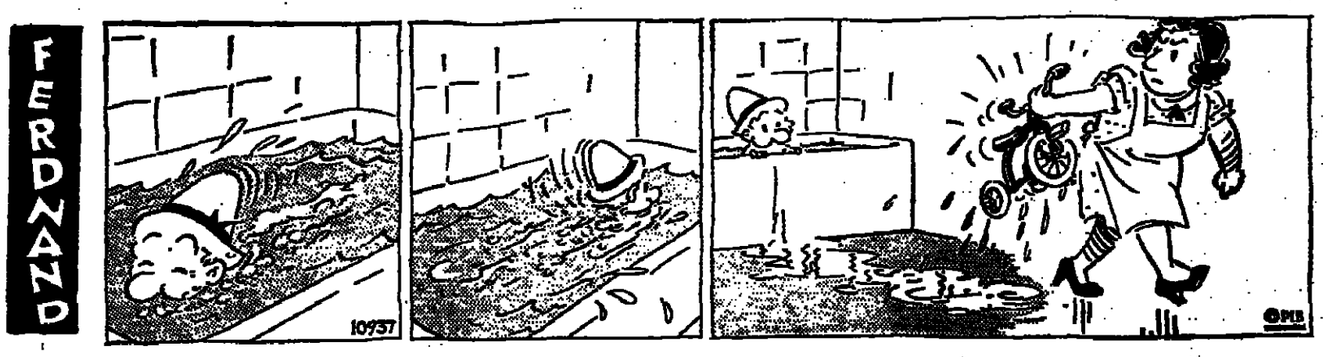

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Dearer fuel

Hatzofe (National Religious) says the rise in fuel prices "represents no more than an adjustment of domestic fuel prices to the higher world cost of crude oil, and will not contribute much to financing the Government's additional budgetry needs." The paper foresees an effect on production costs in certain spheres of the economy, but calls upon the various branches of industry to absorb "the small rise in the price of fuel," and not to exploit it for "unjustified" rises in prices.

Ha'aretz (non-party), says the Labour Minister's bill for settlement of labour disputes, "lacks teeth, because it contains no provision to ensure implementation."

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) alleges that the Asher committee on tax reform adopted a line of protecting the wealthiest strata and of placing the burden on the poorer.

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NEWS: 6.05, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 and 12.00 a.m.; 1.00, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00 p.m. and 1.00 a.m.
FIRST PROGRAMME
7.58 p.m. Opening, 2.10 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Listen to the Band." 4.04 A Place in the News. 4.15 "Musical Chairs" — Musical Story and Questions. 4.35 Talmud Lesson. 4.55 Book Review 5.05 Recital — Beethoven: Sonata in D-minor op. 31 No. 2 (Mindru Katz — Piano); Debussy: String Quartet). op. 10 (The New Israel Quartet). 6.07 Announcements. 6.12 On People and Numbers. 6.25 "Musical Miniatures." 6.55 For the Farmer — Daily News Service. 7.05 "This Day": People and Events in the News 7.30 "A Bit of Music." 7.50 Bible Reading: Mishlei, chaps. 25 & 26 8.09 Tonight's Programmes. 8.10 Reminiscences from Eretz Yisrael. 8.20 "Towards the Concert" — a programme produced by Ada Brodski. 8.30 The Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra (Stereeo) — Menachem Avidom: Symphony No. 7 ("Philharmonic") (Conductor: Mendi Rodan); Bartok: Concerto for two Pianos and Orchestra (Soloists: Bracha Eden and Alexander Tamir) (Conductor: Shalom RonlyRiklis); Beethoven: Symphony No. 4 in B-flat major op. 60 (Conductor: Mendi Rodan). 10.00 Recital (Recording from a public Concert at the "Targ" Music Centre, Ein Kerem) Maureen Forrester — Contralto: Eldad Neumark—Piano: Brahms: Four Serious Songs: Poulenc: "The Painter's Work"; Britten: Cradle Songs. Cycle. 10.45 Poets Read. 11.05 "Chamber Music": Bach: Sonata in E-minor for Violin and Continuo (Steven Starik and Kenneth Gilbert): Beethoven: Quartet in A-minor op. 132 (The Budapest String Quartet). 12.05 Close Down.
SECOND PROGRAMME
Commercial Programme
6.00 a.m. Religious Service. 6.10 Exercises. 6.20 Musical Clock. 7.05 Press Review. 7.15 Hebrew Songs. 7.55 "Green Light." 8.10 "Good Morning." 8.55 "From A to Z." 9.05 "Good Morning" (cont.). 9.49 The Small Ad Corner. 10.05 Housewife's Corner. 12.07 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 "At Midday" — News and Music. 2.03 Press Review. 2.10 Where to Go. 2.35 This is Rivka Michaeli. 3.30 "On one Foot." 3.35 This is Rivka Michaeli (cont.). 4.07 Oriental Songs — requests. 4.30 Quiz by S. Rosen. 4.35 Oriental Song (cont.). 5.04 "Hit Makers" 6.07 Mixed Notes." 6.35 Sport. 6.49 The Small Ad. Corner 6.58 Close Down.
9.03 p.m. "Do-Re-and-Who-Else" (repeat). 10.04 "Then plus Club." 12.05 "Good Night" — songs and melodies. 1.05 a.m. Close Down.
FOURTH PROGRAMME
407, 443 and 292 M.
News in English: 7.00 a.m., 1.30 and 8.30 p.m. News in French: 7.15 a.m., 2.00 and 8.45 p.m.
Arabic Programme: 5.58-7.00 a.m., 7.30-9.00 a.m., 10.58 a.m.-1.30 p.m.; 2.30-8.30 p.m. and 9.00 p.m.-12.15 a.m.
ENGLISH PROGRAMME
(407, 292, 443 and 42 M:
737, 1025, 677, 7189 kHz)
700 a.m. News and Israel Press Review. 1.30 p.m. Jerusalem Calling — News and Sound Pictures of Life in Israel. 3.30 Newsweek — News and Newsreel.
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INSTRUCTIONAL TELEVISION PROGRAMME
4.30 English 5 — Sheilais Birthday. 4.44 A Story I Loved. 4.59 The Magic Garden. 5.05 Life in the Sea. 5.12 "That's Hour We Are." 5.30 Quiz for Youth.
ISRAEL TELEVISION SERVICE
Children's Programme (Hebrew): 6.00 p.m. David Copperfield — part 2. 6.25 Puppetshow.
Arabic Programme: 6.30 p.m. For the Family. 7.00 News. 7.15 "Projector."
Hebrew Programme: 7.30 "Family Affair." 8.00 Mabat. 8.30 Document: Israel's Beaches. 9.05 The Saint: The Angel's Eye. 9.55 News.

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IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
457 and 428 M.
7.00 p.m. News in Easy Hebrew: Stories from the Bible; Hebrew Lesson. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Ladino. 8.15 Mograbi. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Russian. 9.00 Close Down.
ARMY PROGRAMME
216, 225 and 236 M.
11.00 a.m. Requests. 11.15 From the Hebrew Hit Parade. 11.30 It Happened. 12.00 News. 12.05 Requests (cont.). 12.30 What's changed? 12.35 Requests (cont.). 1.00 News. 1.05 Thirty Plus. 1.30 Sports Corner. 1.35 Thirty Plus (cont.). 1.55 Announcements for Soldiers. 2.00 News. 2.05 Personal Announcements. 2.10 Close
2.57 p.m Opening. 3.00 News. 3.05 Please Call — with Edna Shavit. 4.00 News. 4.05 Please Call (cont.). 4.50 Across the Border. 5.00 News. 5.05 Requests. 5.40 Zahal's Diary 6.00 News. 6.05 On the late Rami Wald. 7.00 News. 7.05 From Him to You — special requests. 8.00 News. 8.10 Songs and melodies. 8.30 Jazz. 9.00 News. 9.05 Personal Questions — Yaacov Agmon with Gad Yaacobi (repeat). 10.00 News. 10.05 Be a Judge 11.00 News. 11.05 Let's Talk — with Nathan Donewitz. 12.00 News. 12.05 a.m. Close Down.
VOICE OF AMERICA
238 M. (Medium Wave)
5.00 a.m. The Breakfast Show (News, Music, Topical Reports and Features). 9.00 News and Topical Reports.
4.00 News in Special English. 4.15 Special English Feature. 4.30 The NOW Sound. 5.00 Report to South Asia. 6.00 News in Special English. 6.15 Special English Feature. 11.00 Report to the Middle East, Africa, Europe. 12.00 News in Special English. 12.15 Special English Feature. 12.30 Music U.S.A. (Popular). 1.00 News and Topical Reports. 1.15 Music U.S.A. (Jazz). 2.00 Close Down.

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Football inquiry

Brim: 'Just because someone sells a game or two...'

By DAVID LANDAU, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The "czar" of Israeli football, Mr. Zvi Brim, yesterday lashed back at his critics and the press "which had given coverage to their malicious statements" and helped "tarnish" his image and that of the Football Association. The main witness at yesterday's session of the Etzioni Football inquiry in Jerusalem, Mr. Brim had been the subject of many uncomplimentary charges and allegations from previous witnesses.

Mr. Brim is vice-chairman of the Football Association, chairman of the Association's National Team Committee, chairman of its Players' Fund and a member of the Gambling Council.

Committee Chairman Judge Moshe Etzioni began by asking Mr. Brim whether he thought the rumours of corruption had any foundation in fact. Mr. Brim then launched into an attack on "previous witnesses who had strayed from the theme of the Committee's terms of reference," and on the press, which had "given coverage to their malicious statements."

After Jerusalem's Betar manager, Reuven Rivlin, had alleged last week that he, Brim, had received $10,000 in cash from a Jewish sporting organization in Los Angeles for a charity match after the World Cup games, people had been stopping him in the street "and asking me for a few dollars," Mr. Brim complained. In fact, he said, the payment had been only $1,000, and it came by cheque.

Pressed by Judge Etzioni to answer the original question, Mr. Brim admitted that something was amiss — witness the proven case of Hadera Hapoel v. Bnei Yehuda. But, other than that one case, he could offer no more information than that available in the newspapers.

Mr. Brim defended the F.A., which has also suffered during the Inquiry. He listed its achievements: three national teams (under-17, youth, and senior), each with its own coach; a respected position in the international football world, succesful work with school and youth teams; 4,000 registered players throughout the country. "And just because someone sold a game or two, all this goes by the board," Mr. Brim ended.

This provoked a sharp reaction from Committee member Moshe Ben-Ze'ev, a former state attorney. "You are implicitly criticizing the Government for appointing us, and it is not your place to do so," he said. Yitzhak Ziv-Av, the other Committee member, pointed out that the good could hardly answer for the bad — if it existed. Judge Etzioni tried to soothe Mr. Brim, assuring him that the F.A.'s achievements were by no means negligible, on unrecognized.

SOCCER HISTORY

Mr. Brim went on to read from a soccer-history book which told of how English football clubs in 1888 had defrauded their National Football Association by selling tickets without declaring them, in order to make under-the-table payments to their amateur players.

"So that's where you learned it from," Judge Etzioni exclaimed, to Mr. Brim's visible embarrassment and the delight of the gallery.

Mr. Brim read further that the clubs concerned were expelled from the league. At this point Deputy State Attorney Yona Blatman, who is acting as prosecuting counsel for the Committee, interjected that what Mr. Brim meant was that Reuven Rivlin should be expelled from the F.A. (Last week Rivlin told the Committee openly that he paid salaries to his players, in violation of the F.A. constitution. He said all other teams did so too.) Mr. Brim wheeled round to Blatman and retorted: "I wish the F.A. would expel Rivlin."

In a calmer vein, he described how the F.A. itself had been trying to combat corruption. In 1966, at his suggestion, the National League was "frozen," with no relegations for two seasons, to remove one of the motives behind "match-fixing" at the end of the season — the scramble to avoid relegation. This was abandoned after pressure from the newspapers, he said.

Then, the F.A. hired a private detective agency — a move intended more to deter than to apprehend. This agency was responsible for bringing the Hadera Hapoel v. Bnei Yehuda "sale" into the open.

It has also submitted reports on three other suspect games last season: Tel Aviv Hapoel v. Bnei Yehuda (Bnei Yehuda won 1:0), Petah Tikva Maccabi v. Jerusalem Hapoel (Petah Tikva won 5:1), and Ramat Gan Hakoah v. Hapoel Hadera. Mr. Brim said he had not seen the reports; they were in the hands of the F.A.'s legal adviser (who is to appear before the Committee tomorrow).

Other than this, there was little the F.A. could do to combat corruption, he continued. Players and managers were uncooperative, and the F.A. could not afford to send "spies" to survey every match.

Judge Etzioni now asked the witness to answer the various allegations raised against him, which Mr. Brim proceeded to do:

- The allegation that he had arranged for the F.A. to pay Giora Spiegel IL2,000 a month through Spiegel's office (Spiegel is an accountant). This was a gross misrepresentation, Mr. Brim stated. What had happened was that Spiegel claimed in April that he could not afford to train and play with the national team. Brim had promised to bring his case before the F.A., and it was agreed that from September national team players would be compensated fully for the money they lost while playing and training with the team, in addition to the IL30-odd they receive for each training session.

ZVI BRIM

- The allegation that Brim and the F.A. were involved in the "inducements" offered to Mordechai Spiegler last year to persuade him to remain in Israel. Neither he nor the F.A. had any part in the deal, said Mr. Brim; it was arranged by the Mayor of Netanya and Mr. Moshe Sandberg, the Governor designate of the Bank of Israel. The former collected IL50,000, and the latter found a foreign philanthropist who added another IL35,000. The F.A. only agreed to give Spiegler a *loan* of IL20,000 to buy a steamroller and this had not satisfied him.
- The allegation that he, Brim, had insisted that he personally pick three of the players to go to Mexico: "a lie."
- The allegation that he had arranged for ulterior motives, for Roni Shuruk of Hakoah Ramat Gan to be included in the team: "a lie." These allegations had their source in Emmanuel Sheffer, whom he in effect had sacked as national coach, Mr. Brim said.

Mr. Brim's recommendations for improvements in Israeli football will now wait until he takes the witness stand again tomorrow.

The other witness yesterday was F.A. Treasurer Tsipelovich who gave the Committee a detailed account of the Association's finances. One point in his evidence which visibly shook the Committee was the fact that the last time an investigation was carried out by the F.A. into the finances of the individual clubs was in 1965. The results of that investigation were not satisfactory. Hapoel clubs' finances were often buried in the files of the local labour council and inaccessible; Maccabi and Betar clubs' books were often poorly kept. Nevertheless, no subsequent investigation has been made since then.

Two of the entries in the Ashkelon preliminaries of the International Sand Castle contest. Other preliminaries will be held this week in Netanya, Haifa and Tel Aviv, with the finals scheduled for the Sheraton Beach in Tel Aviv, August 8. The three winners will be sent to La Baule, on the Atlantic coast of France, for the world finals being organized by "Le Figaro" late next month. (Israel Sun)

Young couples' housing is State's obligation: Knesset body

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The State must assume the obligation of assuring housing for those young couples who do not have the means to secure homes for themselves by their own efforts, the Knesset Labour Committee resolved yesterday.

After studying a motion by Rabbi Avraham Werdiger (Poale Aguda) about the plight of young couples in need of housing, referred to it from the plenum, the Labour Committee noted that, whereas 23,000 young couples were marrying yearly, the Housing Ministry had provided a total of 13,500 apartments for this category, between 1965 and 1970.

The Committee suggested that all those who married after January 1, 1966, be considered "newly-weds" for housing purposes. (The Housing Ministry, at present, restricts this category to those married during the last three years.)

Solutions suggested by the Committee for getting all the required apartments built and supplied to needy "newly-weds" within five years include: sales at easier terms; rentals, including an option to purchase later; second-hand apartments at subsidized rentals; cheaper land and exemption from building taxes; and loans from employers to young workers.

The four Gahal members of the Labour Committee submitted a set of minority resolutions of their own, couched in critical vein. Apart from blasting the Housing Ministry for "working with no real policy over the years," the four Gahal M.K.s also accused the Ministry of trying to withhold information about young couples' housing which the Committee requested for the purpose of its study.

'Tar on beaches may come from ships far offshore'

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The large quantity of tar that polluted Acre's beaches last Saturday was "definitely not" caused by tankers sailing near the Israel coast, Mr. Ya'acov Oron of the Transport Ministry told *The Post* yesterday.

Mr. Oron, who is in charge of preventing shore pollution at the Ministry's Shipping and Harbours Division, said he had carried out a careful examination, aided by Coastal Police patrol boats, and that no tankers had been sailing near the coast when the pollution occurred. Judging from the state of the tar — pieces of solidified, elastic fuel oil — it had probably been in the sea for some time before the tide drove it ashore at Acre. (After solidifying, the oil sinks and the tar floats 20 to 50 cm. below the surface; it can thus be driven for very long distances by the sea.

Mr. Oron said that the tar had probably come from tankers sailing the busy routes of the Mediterranean, possibly from near the Lebanon, Cyprus, or even Libya. Tankers sometimes wash their bilges into the sea, far from shore, in violation of international regulations. Naturally, the Ministry has no control over such offences, far off Israel's shore.

Mr. Marco Pe'er, manager of the Argaman Beach in Acre which was hardest hit by the tar, said that waves of the sticky black tar started sweeping onto the beach at four in the afternoon on Friday, "and they kept on coming until 4 a.m. Sunday." He had employed half a dozen workers from the Old City over the week-end to sweep the tar off the beach, and they had removed over 20 cart-loads of it. Yesterday the beach, which is known for its clean sand, was almost back to normal (except for a piece of tar here and there). But Saturday was "a black day for us," Mr. Pe'er said.

"The bathers went in white and came out of the water black. We used up 300 litres of kerosene to help them clean off the tar. Some demanded their money back, and we endorsed their entrance tickets. We also had damage in the wardrobes and installations, which were dirtied by the waves of tar," he said.

Soldiers on holiday at the nearby military vacation home, who were on the beach on Saturday, told *The Post* "it was like swimming in the 'Black Sea.' The tar got into your eyes, noses, ears, hair, everywhere. But now it is all clean again."

Mr. Oron said the Shipping and Harbours Division had initiated the development of a machine to clean polluted beaches; a prototype has now been built by the Agricultural Engineering Institute at Beit Dagon. It will be tested shortly. If it is found successful, several will be built in time for the next bathing season. Meanwhile the Division is offering financial assistance to local authorities to clean polluted beaches.

More luggage carts at Lod

LOD AIRPORT. — In an effort to overcome the shortage of porters, the airport management has introduced 150 new self-service carts for baggage. There were 200 self-service carts in use till now, but the shortage was keenly felt, especially when the "jumbo" landed.

The airport manager, Mr. Yitzhak Vardi, told "Itim" that he had scoured the labour exchanges of nearby villages, but had been unable to come up with any new hands for the porter labour force. Instead, he decided to order the carts.

Meanwhile, the conveyor belt used to take luggage from check-in desks inside the terminal building to a point outside was back in operation yesterday. One of the motors had broken down on Sunday, putting the belt out of order for most of the day and causing delays in outgoing flights.

In the Knesset yesterday, Transport Minister Shimon Peres said plans had been laid to give Lod Airport a customs-free zone and cargo terminal. Replying to a question by Dr. Yehuda Ben-Meir (N.R.P.), the Minister added that with the successful adaptation of Lod to handle jumbo jets, major world airlines flying from Europe to the Far East had decided to make Lod a centre of operations.

Mr. Peres claimed that the level of services at Lod was approaching the standards of international airports elsewhere.

Tourist held for counterfeit notes

A Jewish tourist from Canada has been arrested in Jerusalem for having allegedly counterfeit dollars in his possession. The tourist, who also carries an Israeli passport, has been released on bail.

A goldsmith from the Old City had complained about counterfeit money to the police. He said that a tourist from Canada had ordered some jewellery from him and paid with two $100 bills, one of them counterfeit.

When the tourist came to pick up the jewellery, police were waiting for him. He was relieved of another $550 which is now being examined by the police laboratory to see whether it is genuine or not.

The tourist, whose name was not released, told police he was completely mystified by the money. He said that he had paid the full price for it and that he had no intention of trying to get away with anything. *(Itim)*

Retailer claims 'psychosis' is behind price rises

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The head of one of the country's largest retail chains has protested at "the psychosis now prevalent among many manufacturers, causing them to raise prices without justification."

This came from Mr. Israel Shpan, director of the Union of Retail Cooperatives, which operates the biggest network of supermarkets and self-service stores in the country. It provides 16 per cent of the country's retail food business — with its 200 branches doing IL300m. worth of food business a year. The organisation also encompasses the Hamashbir Latzarchan department store chain.

Mr. Shpan promised that his organization would continue to try to keep prices from going up. He felt that the existing Price Committee mechanism could be streamlined "and given teeth." At present, he feared, the Committee has "an amateurish air about its operations. It should meet regularly and maintain a constant follow-up on prices. The Committee should utilize existing administrations to expedite its duties. Senior Government officials should be attached to the Prices Committee in order to provide suitable guidance in respect of price rises," he added.

Mr. Shpan confirmed that the "monopoly" in a number of basic commodities (for instance, instant coffee) by certain firms did not ease the prices situation.

Although he disagreed with those who claim that food prices have shot up all around, Mr. Shpan reported "a creeping increase" in a number of brands, especially in canned goods. This did not have any influence on the Cost of Living Index, he noted.

Unusual jumps in prices have been registered in turkey and certain other kinds of poultry, which were "quite unnecessary," Mr. Shpan stated.

Generally speaking, he says, service charges have jumped much more than food prices.

The retail cooperative leader did not believe that the imposition of price control would work: "It would only create a black market," he held.

The Union of Retail Cooperatives is now embarking on its own campaign to keep prices down by centralizing its purchases from a short list of approved suppliers — which, it was hoped, would offer greater leverage and bargaining power with the big firms, and also make possible a more aggressive prices policy.

Mr. Shpan believed no big wave of price rises was in the offing before the end of the year.

Thief gets three years 'for the public's good'

TEL AVIV. — A man with a long list of previous convictions was sentenced to three years for theft yesterday by a District Court Judge who thought the public would be safer that way.

Yissachar Sinuani, 35, had been caught in the act of trying to rob the Pfeffer Restaurant in Rehov Mikve Yisrael on March 7. In court, Judge Khalima took all the charges against Sinuani together and sentenced him to three years, remarking that the public is free of his criminal activities only when he's in jail.

On March 7, the restaurant owner had closed at his usual hour and set off for home in Netanya. On the way, he remembered leaving his raincoat in the restaurant and ordered the cab to go back. Once inside the restaurant, however, he discovered Sinuani and another man behind the counter.

One man got away on the spot. The owner and the taxi driver tried to overpower Sinuani. The thief managed to break a bottle of Tempo over the driver's head, while the restaurant owner knocked Sinuani over the head with a beer bottle. When he tried to call the police, however, Sinuani got away too.

A few weeks later, when the restaurant owner went to the police to give more information about his complaint of theft, he spotted Sinuani. The latter had been picked up by the police in connection with another offence.

In court, the list and description of Sinuani's previous offences covered four closely typewritten pages.

Court sits today on Diplomat Hotel grading

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The High Court of Justice will sit today to hear a request by the Ministry of Tourism to cancel an interim injunction suspending the Ministry's decision to reduce the grade of the Diplomat Hotel in Jerusalem from five to four stars.

The temporary injunction had been granted to the hotel owner by the chairman of the Appeals Committee which sits on such decisions, Judge Yehuda Cohen, until the full Appeals Committee could meet on the question. The Committee hadn't completed its deliberations by the start of the courts' six week vacation last week and refused the Ministry's request to continue hearings during the recess.

The application to the High Court is the latest move by the Ministry in its efforts to stop the hotel from charging top prices while it is still under construction. The Ministry decided on lowering the hotel's grade in the wake of numerous complaints by Diplomat guests expressing dissatisfaction with the hotel.

In its application, the Ministry has requested the High Court to issue an order *nisi* calling on the Appeals Committee, its chairman, Judge Cohen, and the Diplomat Hotel to show cause why the suspension order shouldn't be cancelled. Alternatively, the Court should order the Committee to sit on the appeal during the recess, the Ministry application states.

Four tourists held on hashish charge

Four American tourists have been arrested in Jerusalem on suspicion of having 30 grammes of hashish in their possession.

The four were aged 17 to 22. They were arrested in the Petra Hotel, near Damascus Gate, in East Jerusalem. Their arrest is part of the Jerusalem police's overall campaign against drug use in the city, the police said. *(Itim)*

Histadrut gets new controller

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Council got a new controller yesterday, replacing Mr. Yosef Avidar, who resigned two months ago. The new man is Mr. Shlomo Stanger of Kibbutz Ma'ayan Zvi, whose election was unanimous.

Mr. Avidar resigned at the time, claiming that the controller's role became practically void of meaning when the Histadrut Council resolved to crop the controller's authority and set up a politically constituted "controller's committee" to censor his publications.

Mr. Stanger, 58, is a native of Germany and a founder of Ma'ayan Zvi, near Zichron Ya'acov. He served until now as secretary of the Kibbutz Industries group. Some 10 years ago he headed the Cooperation Department of Hevrat Ovdim, subsequently becoming head of Hamashbir Industries. At the Kibbutz Industries, he coordinated production worth IL600m. a year.

Several factions abstained in the vote for Mr. Stanger on political, not personal, grounds: Gahal and the State List wished to protest the new rules, which give political parties a say in the controller's reports; Rakah asserted the "controller's committee" should suffice.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Strong gains continue

Jerusalem Post Financial Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The opening of yesterday's trading session saw continuation of the recent strong gains in the stock market; however, profit-taking became apparent in the variables.

The volume continued strong, as IL426,000 changed hands.

Alliance Tires slipped by 20 points to 637 on an offer of 4,900 shares. Delek registered lost one point to 103.5 on an offer of 4,500.

In spite of the weakness in the variables, a number of common stocks put on a good show. Wolfson-Clore-Mayer, reacting to a demand of 48,000, gained 1.5 points in the opening round, gave up 0.5 in the variables and closed at 45.0. Also in the financial sector, Ellern Investment registered shares rose by five points to 123; the bearer shares rose by three to 121. I.L.D.C. bearer rose 2.5 to 94.5. Hadera paper mills gained two points to 169.5. Union Bank gained one point to 111.

Lapidot registered gained three points in the variables to 76.

In the opening round, volume for stocks was IL345,700 and in the variables another IL70,400 was traded.

The investment dollar rose by two points to IL3.86. At that price $132,000 was picked up.

A continuous strong volume of IL1.7m. was reached in the bond market. Bonds linked to the C-o-L Index were moderately up, while dollar-linked bonds were up strongly.

The Rehov Lilienblum black market dollar traded at IL3.70.

The general index of share prices rose by 0.57 per cent to stand at 128.31.

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5% Electric Corp. Tranche A	115.9	116.4
6% Electric Corp. Tranche B	122.5	123.5
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(Capital and Investment)		
Milve Kilta 1965	150	150.6
Bitahon 1968	119.5	119.8
SHARES		
Electric Corp. — O.	52.5	52
Union Bank of Israel — O.	110	111
Otzar Hit. Hayehudim — O.S.	150	150
I.D.B. Co. — O.	122	122
Gen. Mortgage Bank — O	139	138.5
Pal.-British Bank — O.	132	131
Israel Discount Bank — "A" O.	240	240
Mizrachi Bank Ltd. — O.	120.5	120.5
Carmel Mort. & In. Bk. — "O"	102.5	102.5
Bank Leumi — "A" O.S.	222.5	222.5
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Bank Hapoalim — 10% P.O.	181	182.5
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Housing Mortg. Bank — O.	128	128
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Wolfson, Clore, Mayer—O. IL10	44.5	45.5
Tefahot Isr. Mor. Bank 8% P.O.	132.5	137.5
Tefahot Is. Mortg. Bank — O.	136.5	136.5
Sahar — "C" O.	84	84
Azorim — O.	85	85
Africa-Pal. Investment—O. IL10	131	131
Israel Land Dev. Co. — O.R.	90	93
Isr. Land Dev. Co. — 60/61 O.T.	92	94.5
I.C.P. Israel Citrus Plant—O	47.5	48
Property & Build. Corp. — O.	106.5	106.5
Mehadrin	123	123.5
Pri Or Ltd.	121.5	121.5
Anglo-Israel Investors — O.	93	93
Rassco — 8% P.O.T.	42	44.5
Rassco — O.	31	32
Isras	54	55
Neot Aviv — O.	32.5	32.5
Alliance — B.T.	657	637
"Elco" Isr.El.-Mech. In.—O.T.	92.5	92.5
"Argaman" — 8% P.O.T.	132.5	133
"Ata" — "C" O.	131	131
Motor House — O.	46.5	47.5
Dubek — 8% P.O.T.	129.5	127
Cold Stor. & Supp. Co.—O. IL10	90	91
Elect. Wire & Cable Co. — O.	104.5	99
Solel Boneh — 10% "A" P.O.	105	106
Lighterage Supply Co. — O.	70.5	71
Chemicals & Phosphates — O.	39	39
Lewin Epstein — 8% P.O.T.	55.5	57.5
Moller Textile — O.	113.5	113.5
Nechushtan — 8% P.O.T.	115	115
Teva — O.T.	605	605
Phoenein — 8% P.O.T.	58.5	59
Paper Mills — O.	167.5	169.5
Assis "B" — O.	134.5	136.5
Shemen 8% — P.O.T.	76.5	76.5
"Taal" Man. of Plywood — O.	109	111.5
Delek "C" — O.	110.5	109.5
Elgar — O.	56.7	57
Ellern Invest. Co. — O.	118	121
Bank Hapoalim Inv. Co. — O.	120	120
Export Bank Inv. Co. — O.	38.5	39.5
Paz Investment Develop. — O.	69	69
Ampa Investment — O.	73	73
Discount Bank Inv. Cor. — O.T.	127.5	129.5
Japhet Bank Invest. Co. — O.	100	100
Bank Leumi Invest. C. — O.	160	160
Foreign Trade Invest. C. — O.	55	54.5
Mizrahi Inv. Corp. — O.	106	106
Hapoel Hamizrahi Inv. Co.—O.	38	38
"Piryon" Inv. Trust—"B" Sh.	51	51.5
Cial Isr. Inv. Co. — O.	94	94
Naphtha — O.T.	45.5	45.5
Lapidoth — O.	73	73

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34 graduate army boarding school

HAIFA. — Thirty-four young men graduated yesterday from the military boarding school run by the Reali High School. The Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Haim Bar-Lev, was on hand for the graduation of the school's seventh class, pinning graduation bars on the valedictorian, Shamir Ben Yitzhak of Kiryat Bialik.

The students' four years of premilitary training will now be followed by four years of service leading to officers' bars.

Metulla's 75th birthday party set for Succot

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Metulla, the town whose tourist economy was almost killed off because of its proximity to the "hot" Lebanese border, will be celebrating — belatedly — its 75th birthday on October 7.

Metulla was founded in May, 1896, but early this year the Local Council decided to postpone the festivities until September, as local farmers did not wish to celebrate before the end of the fruit harvest. However, the Government's Information Centre, which has taken the celebrations under its wing, re-fixed the date to August 18 (apparently hoping to attract more summer tourists).

This roused the ire of the farmers, who, on Friday, petitioned the Council, demanding a postponement, failing which they threatened to boycott the celebrations. Yesterday morning the Council postponed the celebration to October 6, but later in the day finally decided on October 7.

Preliminary events will be a "Metulla March," to be organized by the Maccabi Association, on September 4; a conference of Alignment heads of local councils in the North on September 13 or 14; and a festive session of the Histadrut Executive in Metulla on September 28, to mark the opening of a Hapoel sports branch. On October 7, during the Succot holiday, events will include performances by military entertainment troupes.

A VALUABLE BRONZE STATUE by sculptor Bezalel Aharon was stolen on Saturday night from the Samuel Gallery on Rehov Mazal Arie in Old Yafo. In another case of theft, a young man of 17 was arrested by police only minutes after the Tzorfati family of the Shapira Quarter in Tel Aviv reported IL750 missing from their home.

Mexican 'eleven' due in October

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mexico's national soccer team is expected to arrive here in October for a friendly international against Israel.

The Mexicans have made it clear that only a pre-arranged financial agreement will induce them to fly over from Athens, the last port of call on their European tour, to Israel.

The Football Associations of both countries are negotiating the "appearance money" for the Mexicans.

Meanwhile, the visit of European champions Ajax of Amsterdam still hangs in the balance. The Dutch team is having trouble arranging the two legs of its world club championship with Nacionale of Uruguay.

Young tennis players in int'l quarter-finals

TEL AVIV. — Three members of Israel's youth tennis squad reached the quarter-finals of an international tournament at Surbiton, England, over the week-end.

Reuven Forges defeated England's Dudick 6:3, 6:4 in the under-18 competition; in the under-16s Dan Klowski beat Williams 6:1, 6:1 and Yair Wertheimer trounced Copper 6:4, 6:0. The only loser was Shlomo Tsoref, who went out to England's number-one seed, Trafford, 6:1, 6:2.

Mechanics parley at Technion Monday

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — One hundred physicists, 70 of them from abroad, will converge on the Technion on Monday for the Europhysics Conference on Statistical Mechanics and Field Theory. This is the first time such a conference is being held in Israel.

Sponsored by the European Physics Society, it will last from Monday through Friday.

Preceding it, a summer session is being held at which renowned physicists from Japan, Germany, France, the U.S. and Switzerland will lecture to 50 participants, 30 of them from abroad.

TODAY'S POSTBAG

MATRIC EXAMINATIONS for 9,000 high school pupils in Gaza and Northern Sinai ended yesterday. The students' papers were taken by Unesco officials to some unspecified country for marking. The exams are for entrance to Egyptian colleges.

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A GROUP OF 25 Japanese students, visiting Israel as guests of the Union of Local Authorities under a youth exchange scheme, were the guests of Haifa on Sunday and were received by Mayor Moshe Flieman. Next week, 20 members of Haifa's student dance troupe will go to Japan for a three-day return visit.

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A NON-PROFIT COMPANY to build cultural and sports centres will be established by Hevrat Ovdim, the Hapoel Sports Organization and the Peretz Naphtali Foundation, according to a decision of the Histadrut Central Committee yesterday. First on the agenda are centres for Jerusalem, Holon and Beersheba, with an investment of some IL50m.

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OVER 800 CHILDREN are attending the central summer camp run by the Ministry of Welfare's vocational training centres for problem youth *(miftanim)*. The month-long camp, located at Kadima, in the northern Sharon, has children from all 40 *miftanim* in the country.

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RADIO CONCERTS will be broadcast during the Broadcasting Authority Orchestra's recess from monophonic tapes cut during the season just ended — and not over the stereo multiplex system.

The Orchestra's vacation ends October 5.

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END-OF-SEASON clothing and footwear sales begin on Sunday in Haifa. Unlike other cities, where some sales have already been held, Haifa tries to have the sales all at the same time.

N.Y. stocks up slightly

NEW YORK. — Stocks opened narrowly higher on a broad front. Trading was slow, volume moderate. Advancing issues narrowly lead decliners, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average up fractionally.

The stock market was changed little and drifted most of the session. Brokers attribute the listlessness to the usual seasonal lull, as well as to hesitation caused by concern that the economy is progressing only slowly.

Volume of shares traded amounted to 9,920,000, as declining stocks outpaced those advancing by 850 to 486. The D.J.I.A. was up 1.10 points and closed at 888.88.

WALL STREET MONDAY, JULY 26, 1971

Alcoa	51½	Ekodak	77¼	Litton Ind.	27⅝	RCA	33⅛
Amer. Can.	35¼	Fair Cam.	34¾	Loew's	56¾	Reynolds T.	64½
Amer. Mot.	6½	Fair Hill.	8⅞	Marcor	36¾	Sears Roe	87¼
Ampex	17⅛	Fd. Nt. Mrtg	64⅞	Mc Crory	28¼	Solit. Dev.	13⅜
Amer. R & D	50	1st Ch. Fin.	24⅞	McCul. Oil	25⅞	Sperry Rnd.	28⅝
Amer. T & T	44½	Ford Mot.	65⅛	McDon-D	31½	Stonj	79
Anaconda	18½	Gen. Bat.	28½	Miles Lab.	47⅞	Syntex	63¾
Avco	13¼	Gen. Elec.	54¾	Minn. MM	118⅜	Teledyne	24⅞
Beth. Stl.	22¼	G. Fs. Corp.	38⅜	Monsan.	44	Telex Corp.	13⅝
Boeing Co.	17⅜	Gen. Instr.	21⅜	Motorola	77⅞	Texas Instr.	107⅜
Bourns Inc.	13	Gen. Mot.	79	Murphy Ind.	10¼	Time Inc.	50¾
Brunswick	35⅛	Gillette	38	Natomas	82¼	Transwair	25¼
Borroughs	119¼	Glen Alden	9⅛	Occ. Pet. C.	17½	U.N. Carbide	47⅞
Celanese	74½	W.R. Grace	28⅝	Olin Corp.	19⅜	US Smelting	25
Chrysler	27¾	G. W. Fin.	25⅝	Otis Elev.	40⅞	US Steel	31
Coca-Cola	103	Homest. Min	26	Pac. Petr.	34	Westg. El.	88½
Comsat	64¼	IBM	296¾	Panam W.A.	12¼	Witco Chem.	26
Cont. Data	54¼	Int. Paper	34⅛	Penn-Centrl.	5⅛	Woolworth	47⅝
Ct. Wright	12⅞	Int. T & T	66	Pennzoil Un.	28¾	Xerox Co.	116⅝
Dow Chem.	98	Itek Corp.	36½	Phil. Petro.	33⅝	Zenith Rad.	46
Dupont	145¾	Lilly & Co.	120¾	Polaroid	106½		
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Threaten to pass burden on to the public

Businesses complain of fuel price hikes

Jerusalem Post Staff

Despite reassurances by the Treasury that Sunday's price increases for fuel should not bring a wave of price rises in their wake, several companies indicated yesterday that they are not prepared to absorb the additional cost and that they intend to pass it on to the public. At the same time, the Histadrut, Mapam and the Liberal Party condemned the decision to raise fuel prices. Financial circles and economists also criticized the price hike, but on the grounds that it was too small and would do nothing to stem the inflationary trend in the economy. Bank of Israel Governor David Horowitz said that he was pleased with the decision, but added that he wasn't certain that it was sufficient.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry spokesman yesterday stated that it "sees no justification for increasing the price of industrial products as a result of the price rise for fuel. This is because fuel cost is only a very small component of overall production costs."

The spokesman added that the Ministry informed industrialists that permission to raise prices as a result of the increased cost of fuel must be obtained from the Public Control Committee.

However, this outlook is not shared by those affected. The bus cooperatives, taxi companies, trucking companies and many others have already made it clear that they have no intention of absorbing the increase in operating costs and that they intend to pass it on to the consumer.

BUS COOPERATIVES

The bus cooperatives have a claim for fare increases pending with the Government, and have already been reassured that the increased fuel costs will be taken into account in the overall settlement. At the same time Egged spokesmen have indicated that they reckon the increased operating cost due to the fuel price rise to be in the region of five per cent and not the 2.6 per cent quoted before by the Treasury.

Leaders of taxi organizations throughout the country yesterday called for an urgent meeting with Minister of Transport Shimon Peres to discuss the increase in fuel prices. They said that despite pressure from many of their drivers, they would not push for a quick rise in fares before the matter was discussed with the Ministry.

The organizations, it was stated, had already pressed for a 40 per cent rise in fare tariffs because of increasing costs of service, licensing, insurance and spare parts for their vehicles. They said there had not been a rise in fares for a long time and that taxi owners provided a vital service but were very poorly paid.

The standard basic tariff is IL1.90, and the taxi owners wanted to raise starting fares to IL2.40.

PETROL STATIONS

The Petrol Station Owners Association, which is affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce, yesterday started negotiations with the Finance Ministry regarding a series of demands focusing on a higher profit margin. An organization spokesman said that the fuel station owners were licensed yesterday morning at the further difficulties they will now encounter in the money market. They want the Government to increase their sources of credit.

It is claimed that the constant rises in the price of fuel has caused some fuel station owners to sell property in order to get hold of liquid capital. They feel that the Government should make it easier for them to get credit. "After all, we are, if nothing else, excise agents for the Government; 80 per cent of the fuel charges are Government levies and duties of various kinds," they said. Their profit margin is mentioned as being about four per cent, which they claim is the narrowest in the world, arguing that overseas the profit margin averages 10 per cent.

The fuel price increase will raise production costs of fertilizers by about five per cent, Mr. Y.D. Efrat, the accountant of the Chemicals and Phosphates plant, the country's chief fertilizer supplier, estimated yesterday morning. But no prices would be raised until the Price Control Committee sanctioned a raise, he said. The management would shortly appeal to the Government on the matter.

The General Manager of the Electric Corporation, Ya'acov Khoushy, noted that the price of the fuel oil it uses in the power plants had been raised by some 40 per cent several months ago, and the Government had therefore already sanctioned a 11 per cent price raise of the tariff from last month. The present fuel price increase would cost the Company an extra IL1.5m. to IL2m. annually, a relatively negligible sum, "and we shall not ask for higher tariffs as a result."

BLOW TO PACKAGE DEAL

Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, Secretary-General of the Histadrut, believes it was "a grave act, giving another blow to the package deal, adding to the present labour unrest." It was the Government, Mr. Ben-Aharon stated to pressman, which first broke the promise undertaken in the package deal. "Our main front now is to fight rising prices, and the Government has taken a grave responsibility in undermining the fight by putting up taxes."

Critical reactions to the new fuel increases have come from two ends of the political spectrum. A hostile response, for differing reasons, was forthcoming from the Liberal wing of Gahal in the Opposition and from Mapam, the junior partner of the Alignment.

Liberal Party Chairman Yosef Saphir said the Finance Ministry would only give another push to inflationary pressures, while Mapam organizational secretary Naftali Ben-Moshe said, "this is the final nail in the coffin of the package deal."

Mr. Saphir told a meeting of businessmen here that the "fuel price rises will not solve anything and will certainly not solve the Finance Ministry's budgetary difficulties. The timing can only have a negative influence on the price mechanism and give another push to inflationary pressures."

NO TEETH

Mr. Ben-Moshe, who is both on the Alignment Executive and on its Economic Affairs Committee, regretted that the Prices Committee "has no teeth to enforce its curbs on price rises." The Mapam leader had complaints about Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir: "After all, he made such firm promises that there would be no new tax increases," he protested, and went on to complain that, "all the screaming is about wages, all the pressure is on the workers."

Pursuing his protest of declining purchasing power, Mr. Ben-Moshe complained that any rise in the Cost-of-Living allowance payment last year "was more than swallowed up by the price spiral." He noted that "perhaps employees in higher grades made out, but the real victims have been the ones at the lower end of the wage scale. Not only did their lot not improve, but it worsened in the past year. That is why there is such labour unrest in public services."

The Mapam leader explained that these factors were behind the Party's demand for an immediate five per cent Cost-of-Living allowance payment.

Replying to questions from the bench at yesterday's terrorist trial in Gaza, are (standing, left to right): Tallal Halaf, charged with attempting to kill Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, and two who received life sentences — Muhammed Ibrahim el-Balaf and Hamazeh Muhammed Kanafush. In the foreground are their defence attorneys.

Five Gaza terrorists get eight months to life

By HERBERT BEN-ADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — Three terrorists were yesterday convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment by a military tribunal here on charges of murdering 11 persons, accidentally killing two others and wounding 16 with grenades; illegal possession of arms; membership in an illegal organization; and harbouring wanted terrorists.

Two other men received short jail sentences for membership in an illegal organization and harbouring terrorists. The trial of four others was postponed after they admitted to membership in a terrorist organization but pleaded not guilty to all the other charges.

One of the four was Tallal Halaf, 20, of Gaza, who is also charged with attempting to assassinate Defence Minister Moshe Dayan in November, 1969. According to prosecutor Segen (Lieutenant) Yitzhak Aksel, Halaf hid on a rooftop on Omar el-Mukhtar Street here and tossed a grenade at Mr. Dayan's car. The grenade missed and killed two local bystanders.

Halaf had a broad grin on his face as the charge was read, but pleaded not guilty.

The three life sentences were meted out to: Muhammed Said Amanah, 20, Muhammed Ibrahim Balaf, 23, and Hamazah Muhammed Kanafush, 25 — all residents of the Shati refugee camp.

The two lighter sentences were imposed on Yassir Mahsin Ramdan Abu-Jihal, 26, who received eight months, and on Adal Zadak Hamdan Dugmash, 24 — 14 months.

Before the sentences were read, the first three stated that the court should regard them as "patriots and revolutionaries" and not as ordinary criminals. They did not harm Jews, they said, but only "sentenced and executed traitors who collaborated with the Jews."

The President of the Court, Rav Seren (Major) Avraham Pachter, regretted that his hands were tied by law. He would recommend that the Military Governor impose the death penalty in such extreme cases.

The method employed by the convicted terrorists was to knock at the doors of their victims and invite them outside "for a talk." Once outside, they dragged them behind a mosque and "tried" and shot them.

As the five convicted prisoners were led out of the courtroom, they exchanged waves and smiles with friends and relatives among the 60-odd spectators.

WOMAN WOUNDED BY ARMY PATROL FIRE

GAZA. — A woman resident of the Jebeliye refugee camp was wounded yesterday evening when an army patrol fired at a suspicious figure in the dusk.

The patrol had called on the person to halt, fired warning shots into the air, and then aimed at him as he continued to flee. One of the bullets hit the woman who was passing by.

Six killed on roads

Jerusalem Post Staff

Six persons were killed in road accidents in various parts of the country over the past 48 hours.

Yesterday evening, a young man from the Gaza Strip was fatally injured when he lost control of his motorcycle and overturned on the Sharon road, near Magdiel. He was taken to Meir Hospital in Kfar Saba, where he died shortly after admission. His name was not released for publication.

A boy cyclist, about 18, was fatally injured earlier yesterday afternoon when he was struck by a truck from behind him on the Coastal Road near Havazelet Hasharon. He was taken to Hillel Joffe Hospital in Hadera, where he died. The truck driver was detained for questioning. The victim, who had no papers on his person, is still unidentified.

In Ashkelon, Bracha Innes, a 26-year-old mother of five, died yesterday of injuries sustained when she was run over by an army vehicle on Sunday.

Three soldiers were killed on Sunday in a road accident on the Jerusalem-Jericho road. No further details are available.

Latest national road accident figures officially released yesterday show 16 deaths and 154 serious injuries reported in the past fortnight. Since the beginning of the year, 337 persons have been killed, as compared with 286 in last year's corresponding period.

BODY FOUND IN J'LEM CISTERN

The body of a man in an advanced stage of decomposition was found yesterday in a cistern in Kfar Shaul, on the outskirts of Jerusalem.

The body is believed to be that of an inmate of the Kfar Shaul Mental Hospital who has been missing about a month. It is in such an advanced stage of decomposition, however, that identification may prove impossible. It was found floating in four metres of water, and extracted by police and the fire department. *(Ttim.)*

Soldier detained for hitting yeshiva boys

A soldier who got involved in a fight with two *yeshiva* students on Sunday night in Jerusalem has been arrested and turned over to the military police. Both students were slightly injured, and the glasses of one of them were broken.

According to police, the incident took place in the Mekor Baruch quarter. The soldier was said to have been drunk.

In the Knesset yesterday, Police Minister Shlomo Hillel said police patrols, by car and on foot, had been stepped up since hooligans began attacking people in Jerusalem's Geula quarter and the vicinity. He was replying to a question by Rabbi Menahem Porush (Agudat Yisrael).

The police will exert all its authority to prevent attacks by hooligans on youngsters with an "Orthodox appearance," as well as attacks by persons with an Orthodox appearance on others, Mr. Hillel said.

Search for drugs turns up weapon

TEL AVIV. — The narcotics squad stumbled on a collection of arms and ammunition during a search of a watermelon vendor's shack yesterday. The two proprietors, brothers aged 26 and 37, were detained for questioning.

The police, who were looking for illegal drugs, took the automatic pistol and the ammunition they found to the laboratory to check whether the pistol had been used in any crimes.

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Safad	40	17—29	18—29
Haifa Port	62	24—27	24—28
Tiberias	33	22—28	23—27
Nazareth	38	19—27	20—29
Afula	53	18—30	19—31
Shomron	40	18—27	20—29
Tel Aviv	61	20—28	20—28
Lod Airport	46	20—30	20—31
Jericho	33	23—37	23—37
Gaza	55	21—29	21—30
Beersheba	37	18—33	18—33
Eilat	29	26—37	26—38
Tiran Straits	31	26—35	26—35

ARRIVALS

Professors H. Araki (Kyoto, Japan), H.J. Borchers (Goettingen, Germany), O. Steinmann (Zurich) and M. Guenin (Geneva), to attend the International Conference on Statistical Mechanics and Field Theory at the Technion.

Dr. Gershon Frankel, professor of special education at Newark State College, New Jersey, at the invitation of Deputy Minister of Education Aharon Yadlin, for a series of lectures to advanced teachers and for consultations.

Mr. Sam Rothberg, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University, for a short visit, on University business.

Dr. Arnold Pins of Los Angeles, to arrange for a three-day international conference of Jewish community workers scheduled for next month in Jerusalem.

DEPARTURES

Mr. Ralph Rurka, director of the Israel Industries Advisory Company Ltd., to London, on company business (by BEA).

Haifa fire guts ink warehouse

HAIFA. — Eight fire engines, using water and foam, turned out early yesterday morning to deal with the blaze that swept through an inflammable materials warehouse belonging to Ariel Ltd., a company that manufactures printing ink.

They managed to keep the fire from spreading to other parts of the factory and to a nearby plastics plant. Nevertheless, hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of damage was caused before the fire was brought under control after daylight.

The factory is in Rehov Halutzei Ta'asiya, in the Bayside area. It was insured. The investigation has turned up no evidence of arson, "Ttim" reports.

THE MIVTAHIM Social Insurance Society, which is sponsored by the Histadrut, reported 220,000 members and capital of IL967m. by the end of 1970. The Board of the Society recently decided to change the statutes so as to permit widows to receive the pension left by their insured spouses.

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M.K.s RAP ADMINISTRATION

Controller's criticism wins Knesset praise

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset yesterday spent three hours debating the 21st annual State Controller's report, which was published earlier this year. Virtually the whole House was united in its praise of the Controller, Dr. Yitzhak Nebenzahl; but criticism of the administration of the State, as highlighted by the report, was harsh.

The chairman of the permanent subcommittee which deals with the report, Mr. Shlomo Rosen, complained that recommendations which were decided on by the Government 12 years ago, and approved by the Knesset three years ago, have still not been carried out. Mr. Rosen was referring to a decision to appoint an "internal controller" in each department who would be in the position to remedy ills before they occur.

By far the harshest critic, however, was Gahal's Dr. Yohanan Bader, who in a mammoth speech berated the Government on virtually every topic discussed in the report. He complained that the Government and the Histadrut were guilty of having "dubious business connections," and cited how the Government "invested millions of pounds in Histadrut industries without insisting on control."

Over IL90m. in Koor shares have been bought by the Government, but it has no say whatsoever in management, he said. The same goes for Hevrat Ovdim.

The power of kibbutzim, and their "ability to get out of paying their share" also worried Dr. Bader. He said that while the *kibbutznik's* standard of living could be calculated at around IL1,500 a month, he paid as little as IL88 a month in income tax — less than ten per cent of that paid by a "normal" citizen living on the same standard — and IL112 in National Insurance.

Mr. Ze'ev Haring (Alignment) complained that the Gahal member had given a one-sided view of the report, but came out with some strong criticism of his own. He demanded that more control be exerted over the marketing of food produce, and claimed that the situation, as it existed at present, especially when it came to meat and fish, was a health hazard.

Another Alignment member, Mr. Adi Amorai, said that it was a pity that Israel Chemicals, a body which was to have incorporated all the existing chemical plants, was never established. It was even a greater pity that the idea to disband the project came after millions had been spent on research.

The House approved the subcommittee's recommendations, but voted down Opposition support of the Controller's strictures.

Hula workers protest outside the Knesset

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Hula Development Authority workers, whose jobs are threatened because the Authority is due to be closed at the end of 1971, demonstrated outside the Knesset yesterday, demanding that the House intervene.

The demonstrators distributed copies of their last labour contract, showing that Agriculture Minister Haim Gvati had promised to keep the Authority running till 1973 at least.

Mr. Gvati meanwhile has announced that he is dividing the Authority lands up among the neighbouring villages and closing the Authority down at the end of this year.

Doctors may intensify strike

End to medical strikes lies with *ad hoc* committee

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Any hope for a speedy end to the medical strikes now lies with a select committee of Alignment ministers and Histadrut leaders which is to meet this evening.

The committee, an *ad hoc* subcommittee of the Ministerial Economic Committee plus the Histadrut men, will seek solutions not only to the two partial strikes in the Government hospitals — of 3,500 administrative workers and 1,200 doctors — but also of the partial strike in Kupat Holim institutions.

The meeting between senior Health Ministry officials and the striking administrative workers, due to have been held yesterday, will now take place tomorrow morning — after the committee has met.

The select committee will carry out its deliberations behind closed doors — which, it is hoped, will produce results. *The Jerusalem Post* learned of its activities from Health Minister Victor Shemtov. Mr. Shemtov himself has still not fully recovered from a stomach ailment which has kept him in bed for the past week.

The hospital administrative workers' leader, Mr. Roni Shalem, told *The Post* that if the select committee does not produce results, his men will think about extending their strike, which so far has been a low-key affair and has not caused too much discomfort to patients. The administrative workers' national committee will convene tomorrow afternoon to discuss the outcome of their meeting with the Ministry men in the morning.

Meanwhile, the Government hospital doctors are losing their patience. They have been refusing to work in the out-patient clinics since last Sunday, and are waiting to intensify their strike (they want parity with Kupat Holim doctors) as soon as the administrative workers end theirs. "But now we see the administrative workers' strike is going to be a drawn-out affair," the doctors' leader, Gideon Manelis, told *The Post*, "so we'll probably go ahead with our own measures to discharge — in gradual stages — all patients not seriously ill."

The doctors' national committee is due to meet today, and will probably fix a date for this move.

The third medical strike, that of non-medical personnel of Kupat Holim, is meanwhile continuing unabated, though here too the patients themselves have not yet been seriously affected as the strike is not "severe."

The parity committee which the Cabinet decided 10 days ago to set up to study ways of equalizing pay in the Government and Histadrut sectors of the medical services is to start its work on August 1, Mr. Shemtov told *The Post* yesterday. Its deliberations will probably take several months. The Histadrut (one of the four parties on the committee: the others are the Health Ministry, Kupat Holim and the Civil Service Commission) has not yet announced its representative, but Mr. Shemtov said the delay is no more than procedural.

PORT STRIKE DUE TODAY

HAIFA. — The administrative staffs of the country's three ports are to halt work for two hours from 11 o'clock this morning. The strike is to back up the Haifa workers claim for incentive pay in line with what all the other port employees receive.

Today's work stoppage in Haifa was sanctioned by the Labour Council. The Ports Authority had promised an answer to the workers claim by Sunday; when it failed to come, the Council backed the strike.

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